# MERRIMACKAN 2009

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## 2008-2009

Dear Graduating Class of 2009:

To the Class of 2009 – Congratulations on receiving your degree! May this Yearbook serve as a warm memento of all those wonderful years and those remarkable and heartfelt memories. Our mission – to Enlighten Minds, Engage Hearts, Empower Lives - will continue on long after you have left Merrimack College and become active alumni.

The Merrimack College community celebrates your accomplishments and wishes you much professional and personal success. The road before you is wide open, waiting to be explored and I am confident the education you received at Merrimack is now part of who you are and will provide the stable foundation needed on your life's journey.

Education is a constant in all of our lives. Whether you are starting a professional career or continuing on to graduate school, you continue on your journey, now firmly steeped in the Augustinian traditions of learning and serving. As you continue on your path, know that each and every day, a new lesson presents itself. Welcome these opportunities and embrace them.

Let your heart continue to be fully engaged in all that you do. You have the skills not only to realize your goals, but also to exceed your expectations. Time has a way of fitting the pieces of our lives together in unexpected ways, so take chances, explore the unexpected, and pursue your dreams.

Thanks to your family, friends and an excellent educational experience at Merrimack, your life has been empowered and now you must lead and serve so others are also empowered. And as you do so, rest in the knowledge that the Merrimack College community is always there for you. Seek us out to continue your education, to share what you have learned and to offer support and encouragement.

Our mission is to Enlighten, Engage and Empower. My very best wishes for a wonderfully successful future. God bless, and please keep Merrimack College in your hearts.

Ronald Champagne

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2009 yearbook is dedicated to someone who has been a great asset to the Merrimack College community. Throughout her time here at Merrimack she has enlightened minds in the classroom, engaged hearts through her dedication with numerous clubs, and empowered lives through her caring and positive attitude. The Class of 2009 dedicates this year's yearbook to Diane Shaw.

The yearbook's dedicatee has been an essential element to the Class of 2009. At the end of our sophomore year, Class Council was left without an advisor. Much thought was put into who would make the best match for our team. Although she was already overwhelmed with courses to teach, academic advising, and other club commitments, Diane stepped up to the plate and made a new commitment to the Class of 2009. Since then Diane has given the Class Council strength, creative ability, and countless hours of her time to make both our junior and senior years memorable. Diane has been vital to all of our class activities including 2007's Mr. Merrimack, our Junior Formal, as well as all of our senior events. During the stressful days leading up to an event Diane always kept us positive and helped us to fine tune all the details necessary to make a successful event.

Diane Shaw has also made a major impact on the Merrimack College community as a whole as well as on individual students. Although her title was the "advisor" of the Class of 2009, many students would say she was much more: a mother, a confidant, and a friend. Diane has an enormous heart and ample amounts of love to give and chooses to share this love with everyone who walks beside her.

On behalf of Merrimack College's Class of 2009 we would like to thank Diane for all of her hard work, sincerity, and for giving us the foundation to build an amazing senior year for our class. We feel so honored to have met you and to have grown close to you.

Thank you for making our experience at Merrimack a great one!

Thank you!
Class of 2009

# DEDICATION
# DIANE SHAW

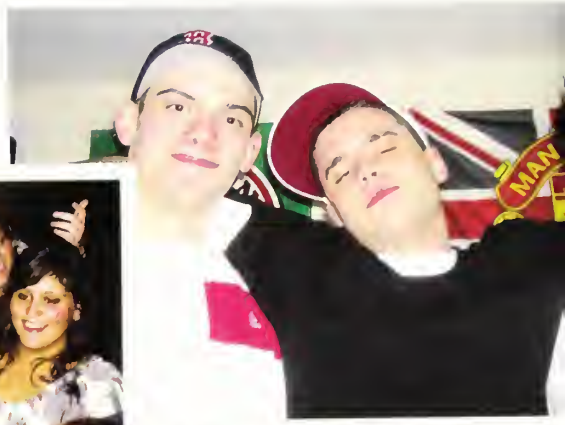
# IN MEMORY...

*A man who dares to waste one hour of time has not discovered the value of life.*
---Charles Darwin

Rob Maille gave this quote meaning, and he helped us all to embrace life and the joy each and every day can bring to us, no matter what the circumstances may be. Rob was a man who never ceased to amaze all of his friends and family with his passion and natural ability to bring any dream of his to life. Rob was a loyal friend, and never hid behind the shadows of his peers. He was never afraid to stand alone, and that is something that made him shine. It could have been the way his mere presence made us feel, or the way his dance moves brought smiles to all our faces, or maybe it was the way just one look from him could tell you what he was thinking instantly, but whatever it may be, what we will always remember and hold dear to us, are the memories we all had, together,
here at Merrimack.
May Angels lead you in.

With love, your family at Merrimack.

# ROB MAILLE



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Nichole A Baldwin

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Stephen E Barnard

Kristen F Bartolo

Jessica L Bavuso

Jeffrey M Bercume

Rene F Blais

Jodi A Bonfiglio

Nicole A Bonomi

Alyssa A Brawn

Nicholas P Buckman

Timothy W Bullock

Cassandra N Burke

Jami L Burke

Nicholas R Burke

Adam C Burt

Andrew D Burtchell

Jamie Caccavaro

Michael P Cacciola

Nora W Cahill

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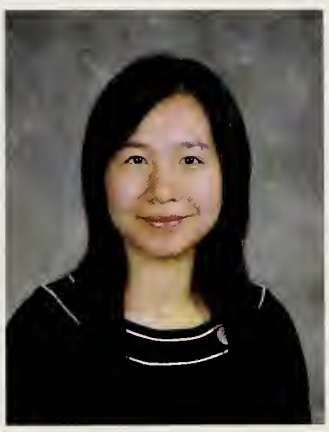

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Marki W Conway

Ashley C Cote-Crosskill

Catherine V Cotter

Daniel J Coughlin

Christina M Crosby

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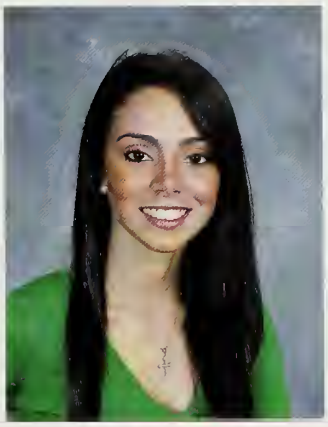

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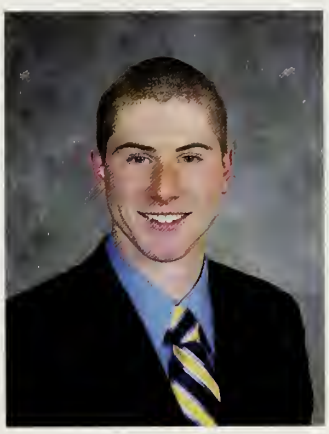

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Vanessa A Downer

Jeffrey M Doyle

John P Drelick

Elise M Dufour

Ryan M Durkee

Joseph E Eccleston

Kayse S Eichelberger

Marie D Eliot

April M Eringis

Andrea M Faris

Grant M Farrell

Melissa K Feeley

Elizabeth K Ferrante

Sara F Fitzgerald

Mary A Florence

Rebecca E Fontes

Erin C Forsythe

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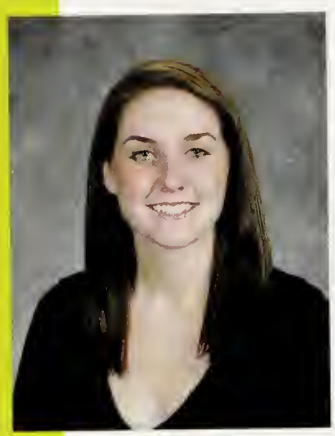

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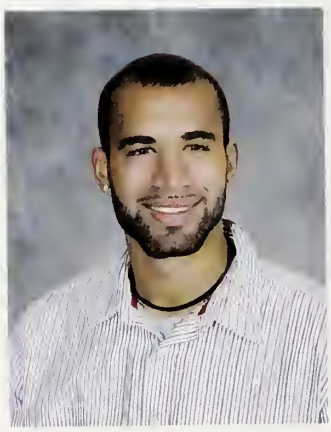

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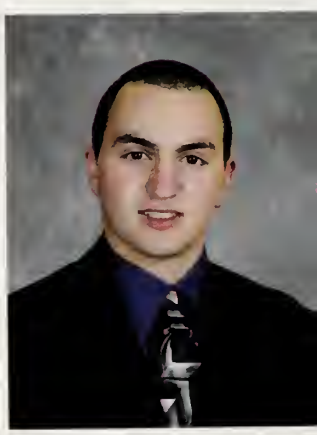

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Janelle M Hickey

Matthew C Hight

Benjamin Hoffman

Brittany M Holmes

Lindsey Horn

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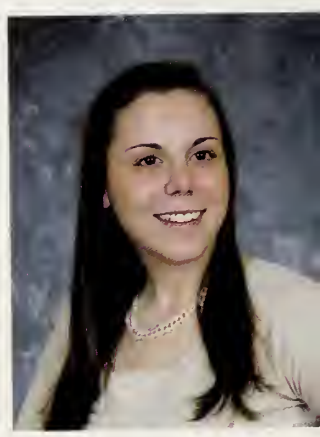

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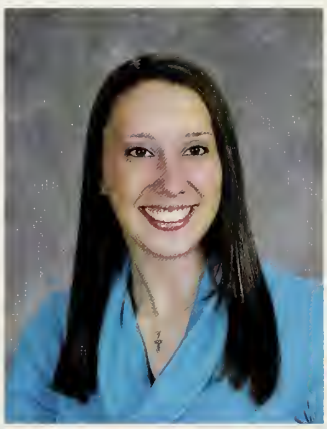

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Brandi L Longtin

Courtney E Lowell

Alli T Lua

Danielle M Lucey

Sarah J Ludy

Allison M Lydon

Teresa M Mackey

Foster J Maki

Jennifer C Malley

Charles D Manthei

Torey L Manzi

Alex J Marcin

Allison R Marcotte

Christina M Mariano

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Jade L Martell

Joseph A Martignetti

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Nicole D Masciarelli

Robert J McCarthy

Mary B McDermott

Lauren M McGonagle

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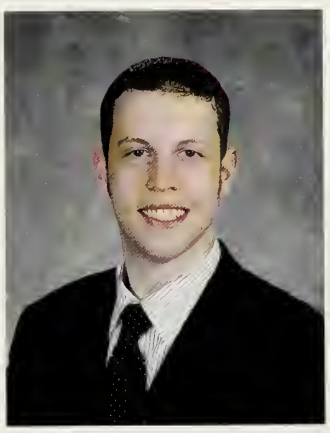

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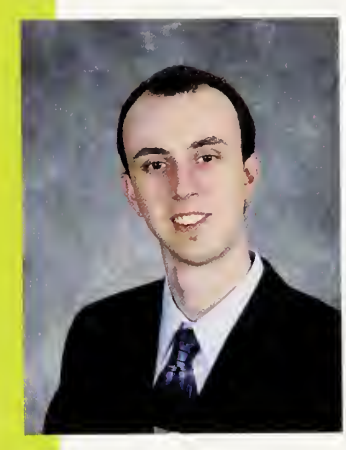

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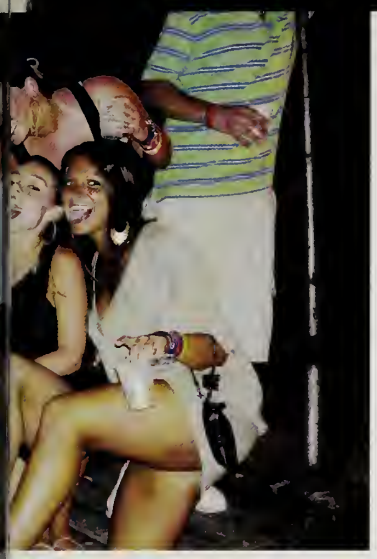

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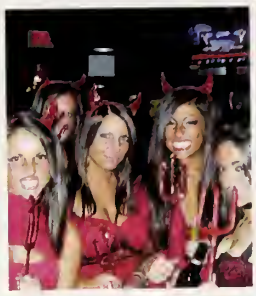

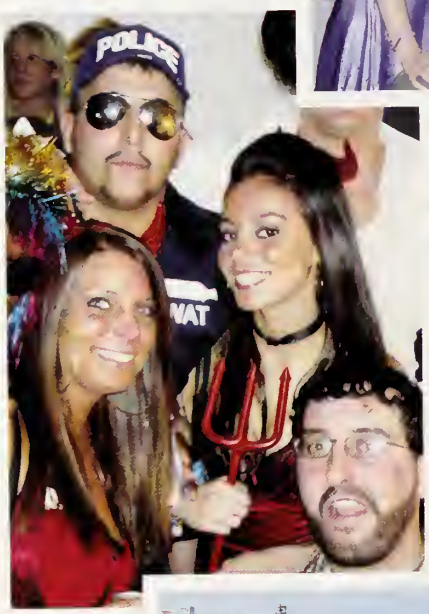
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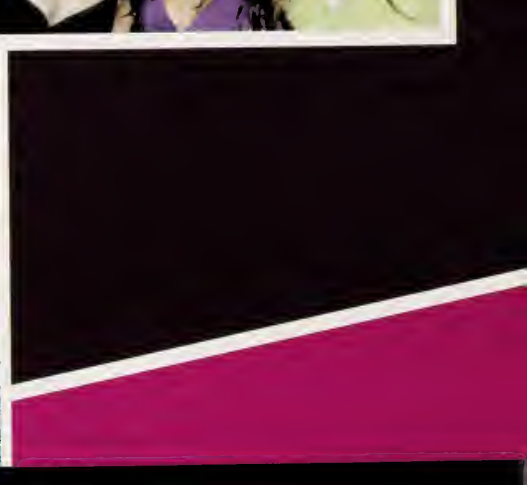

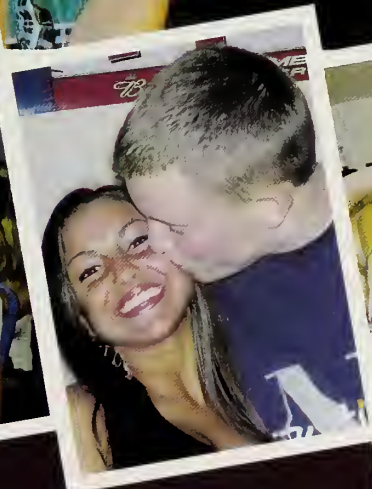

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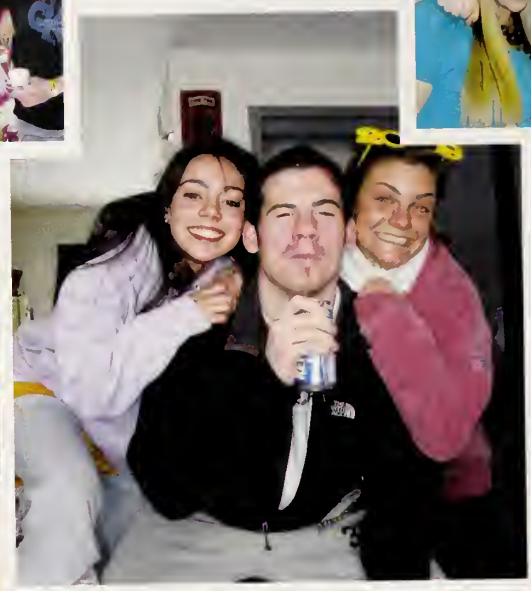

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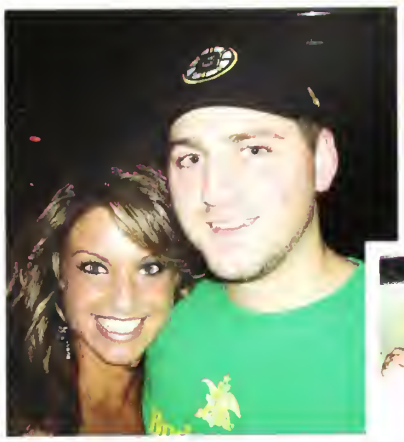

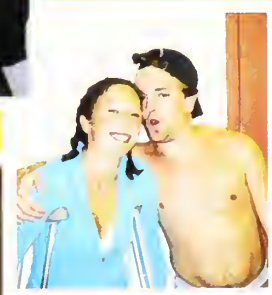

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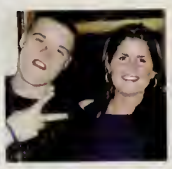

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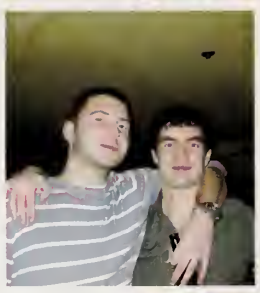

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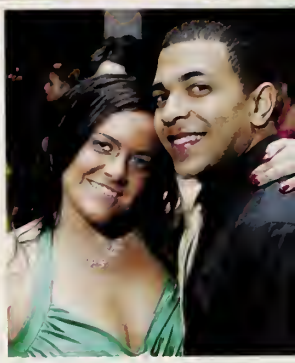

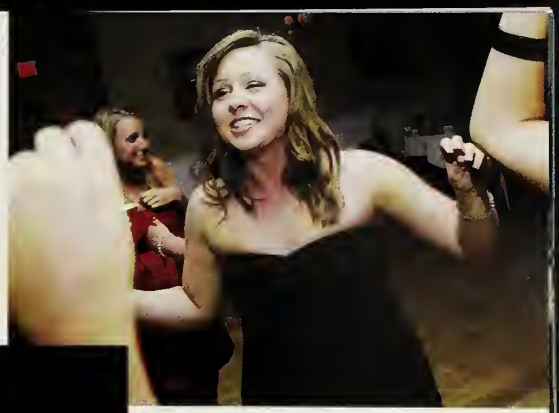

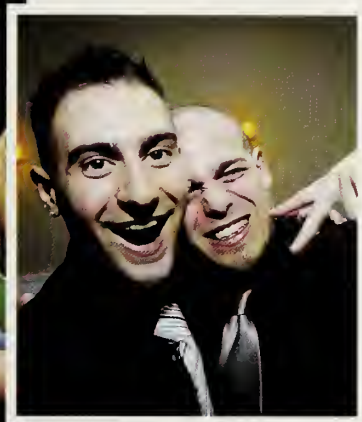

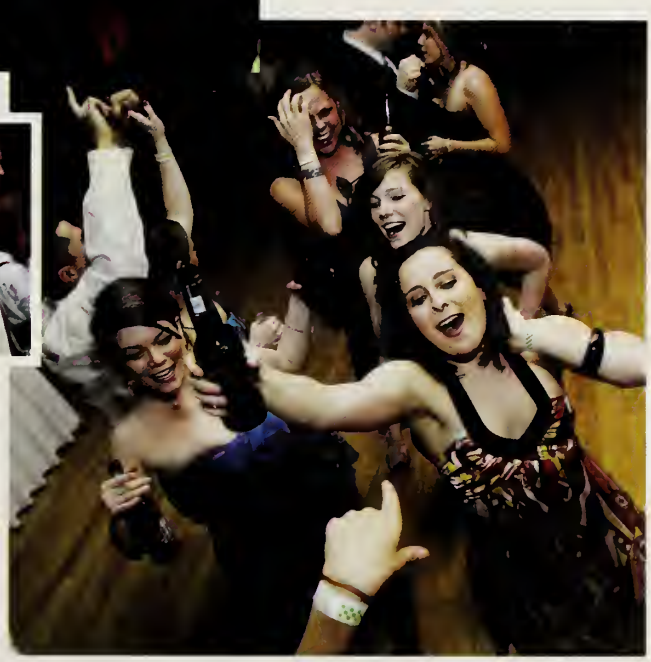

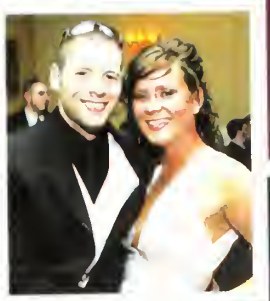

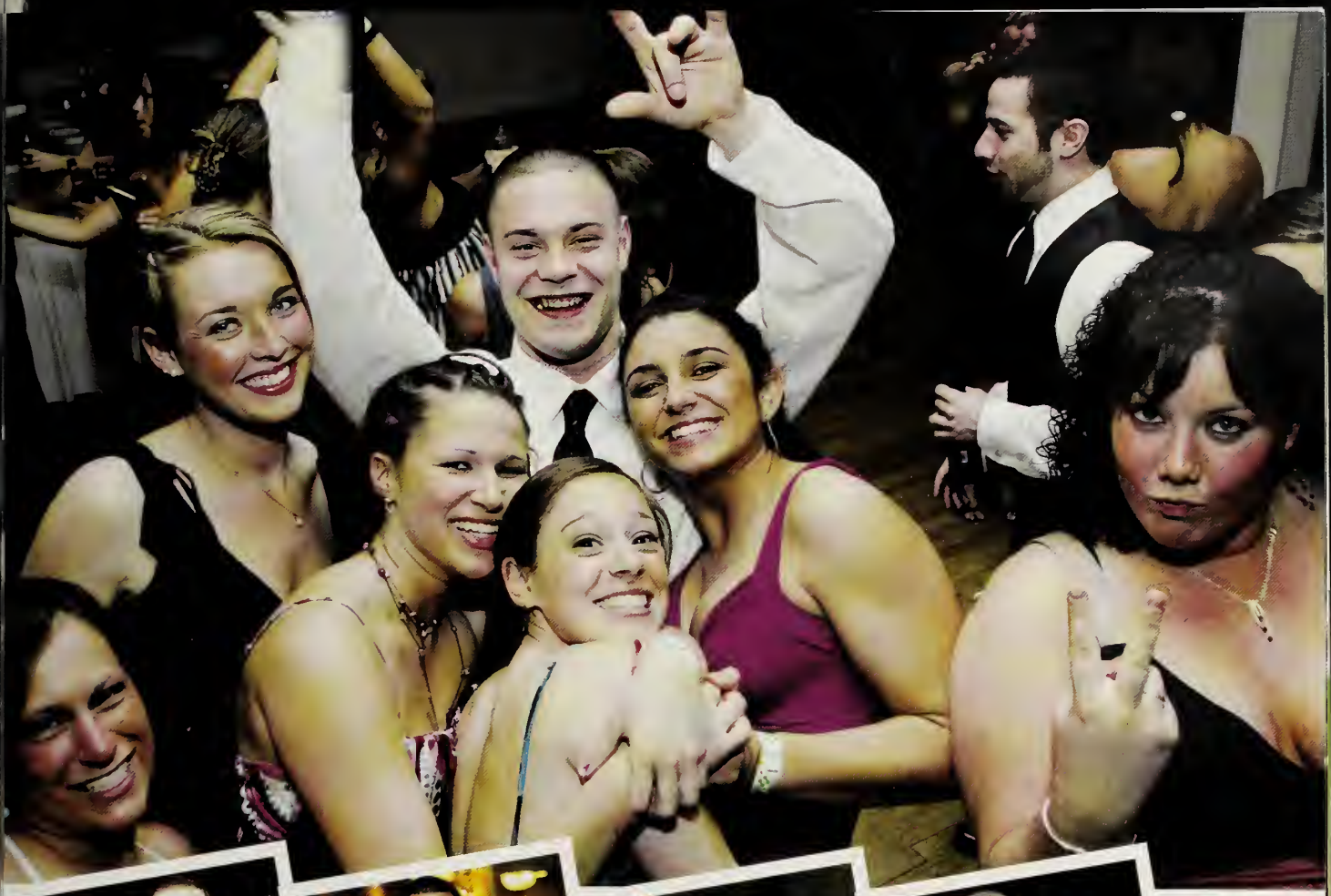

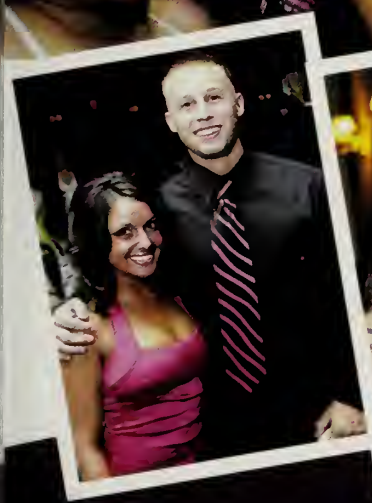

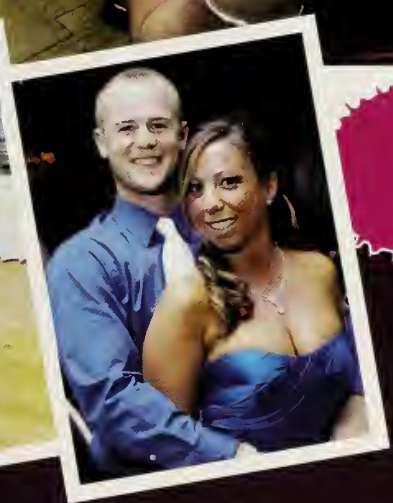

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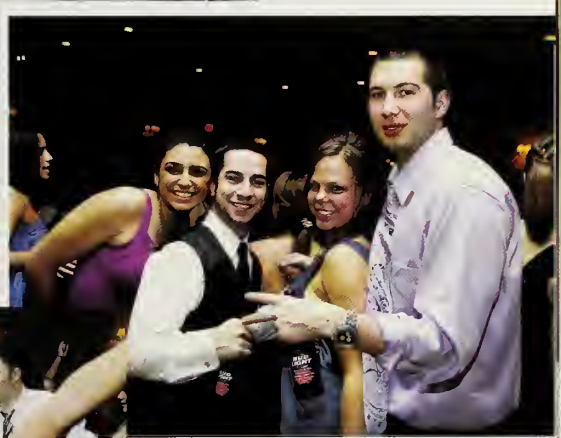

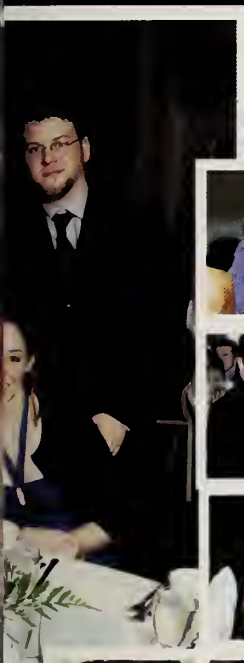

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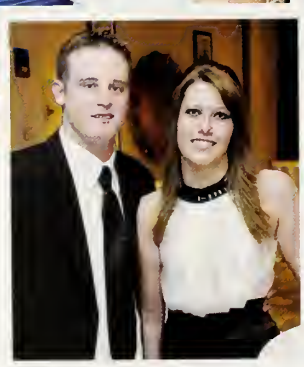

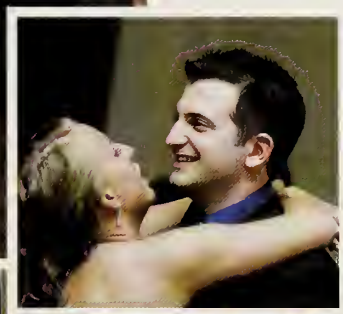

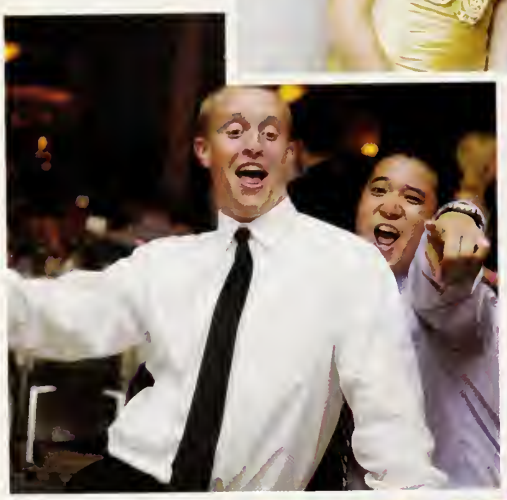

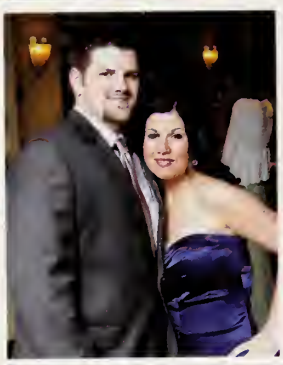

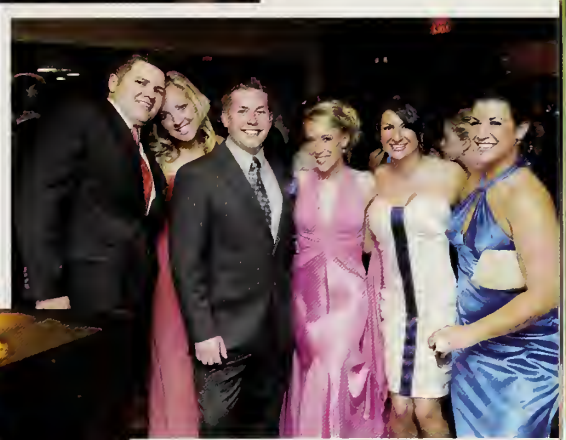

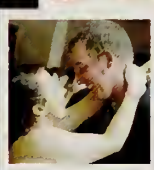

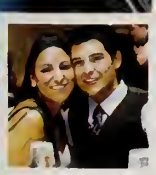

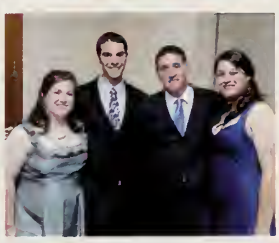

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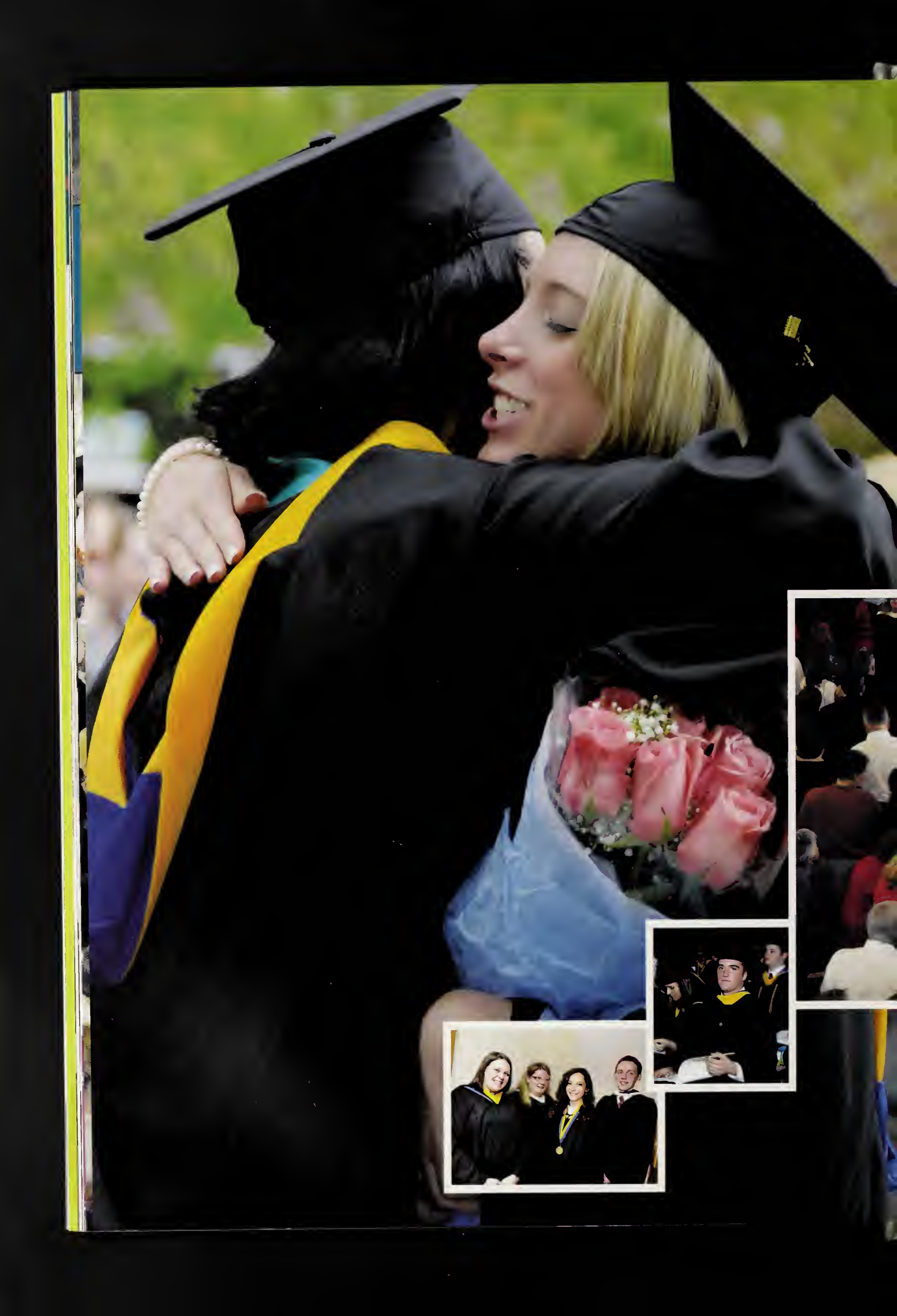

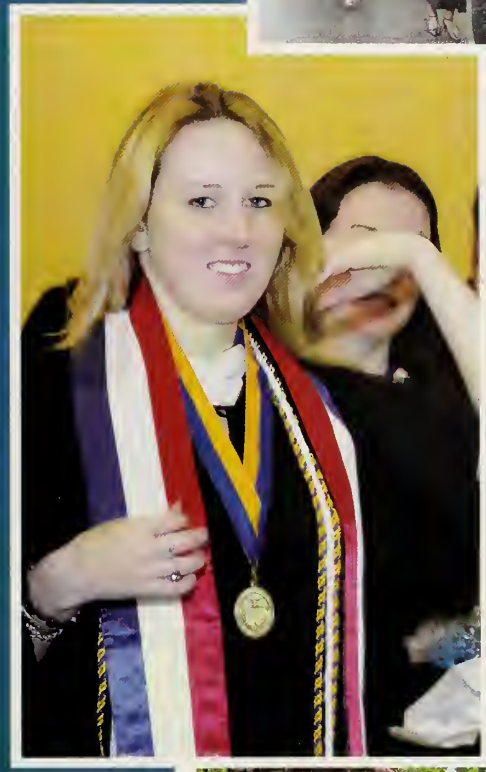

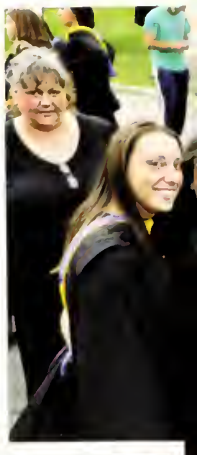

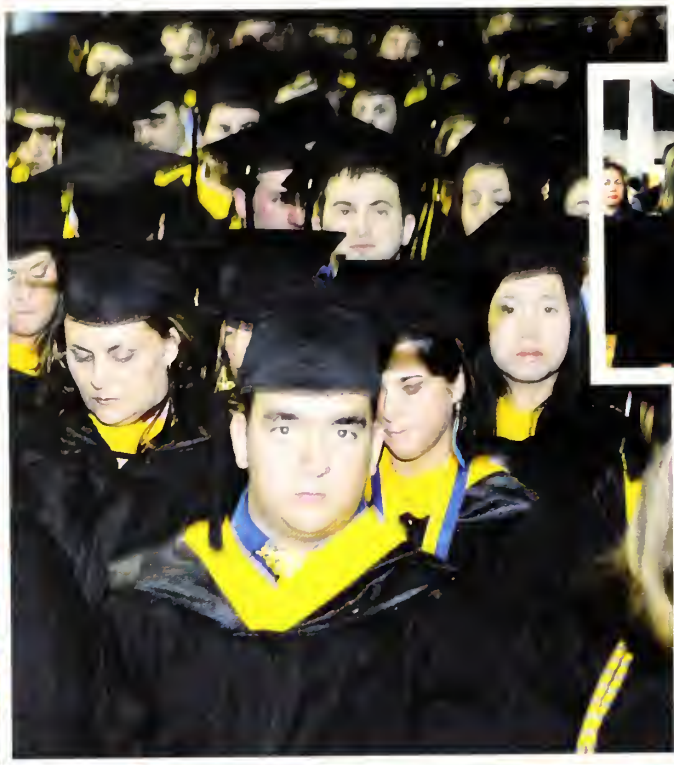

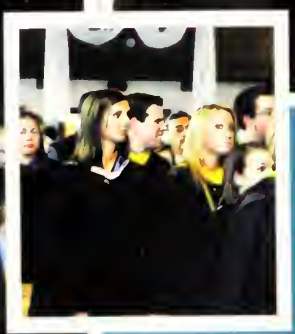

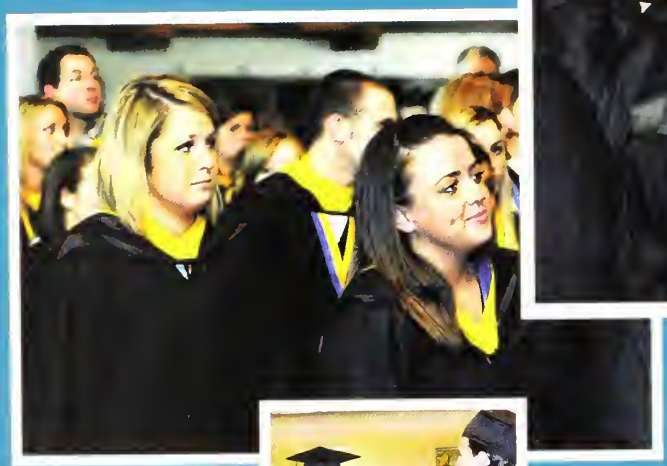

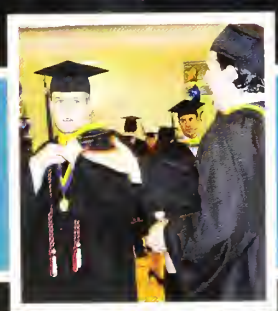

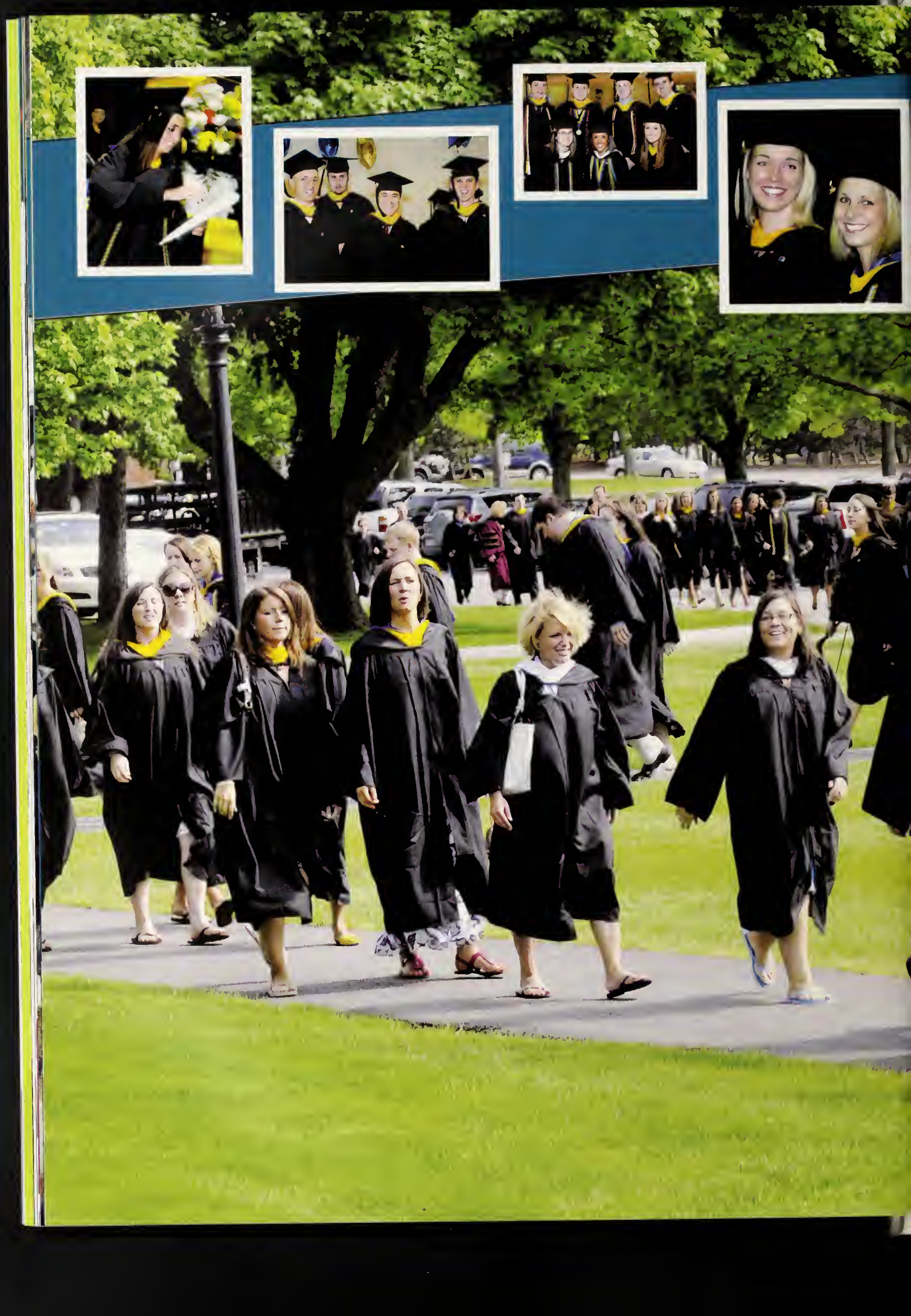

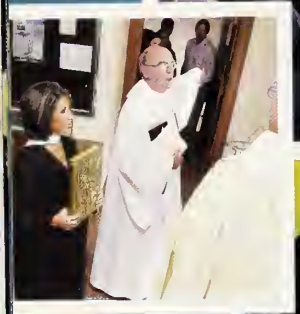

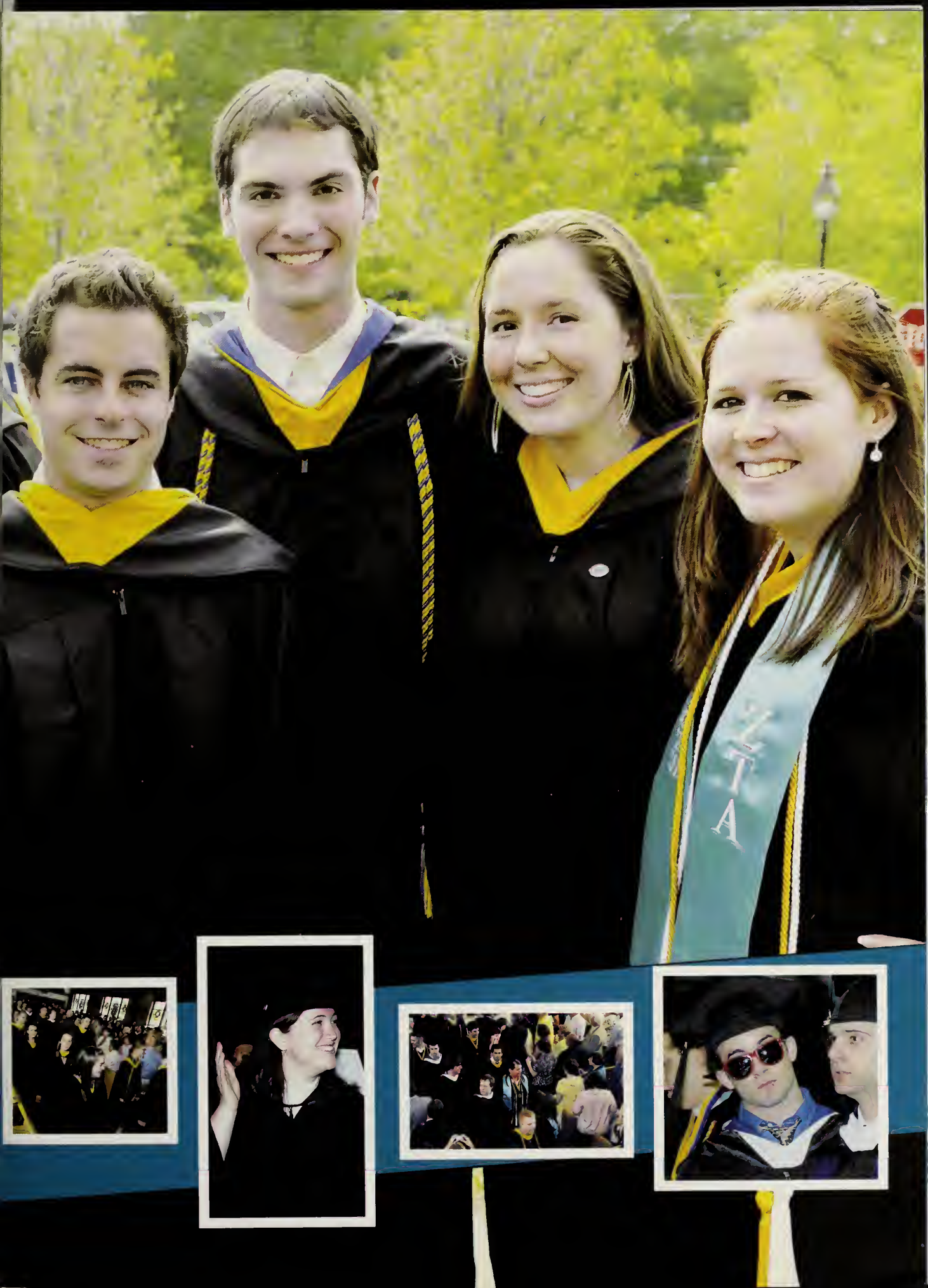
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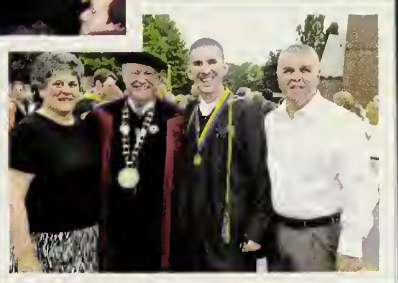

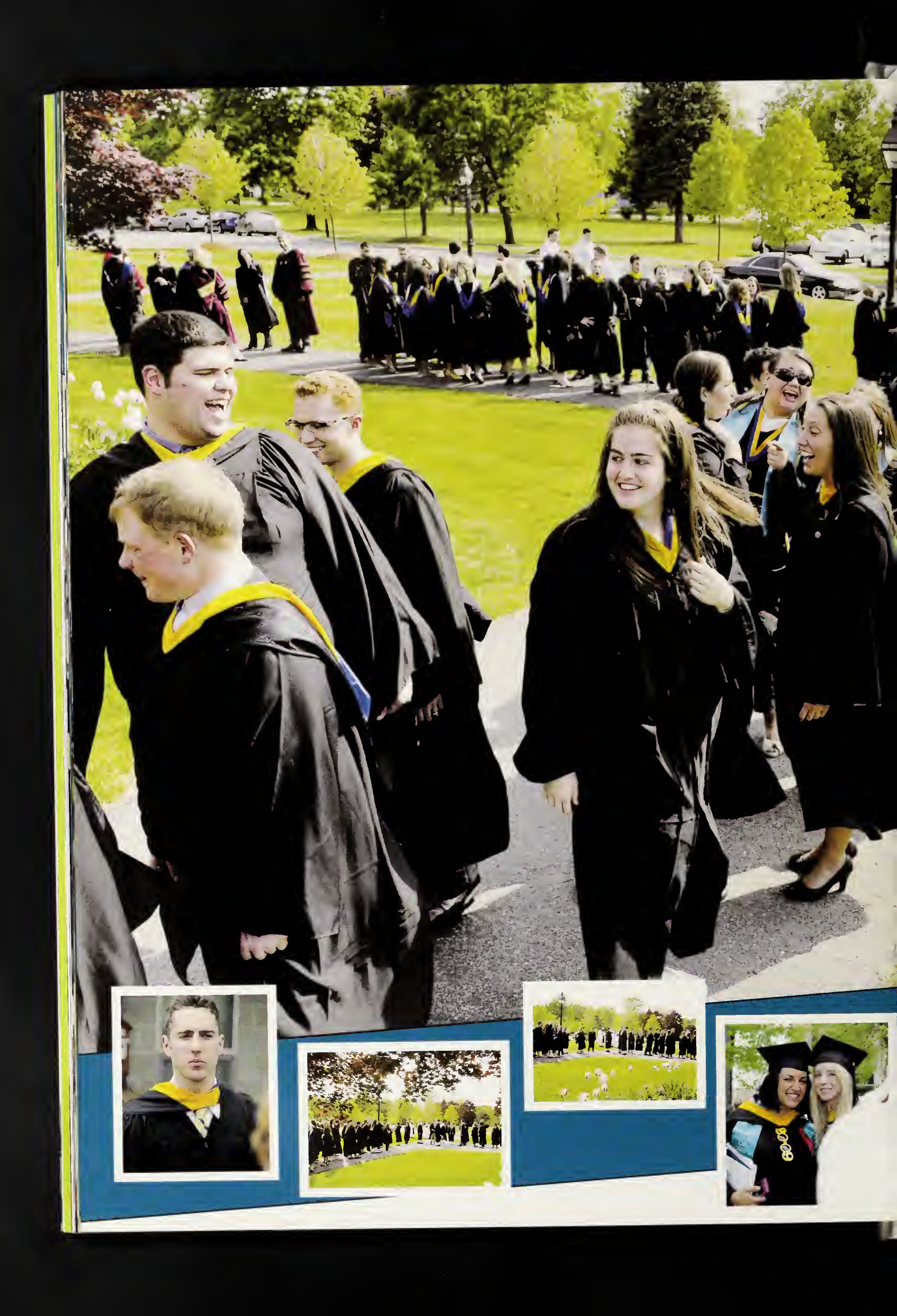

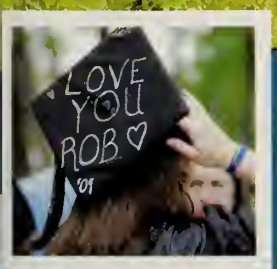
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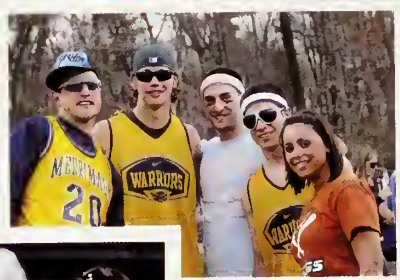

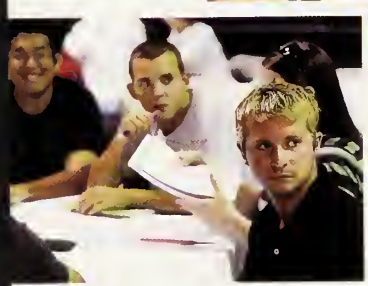

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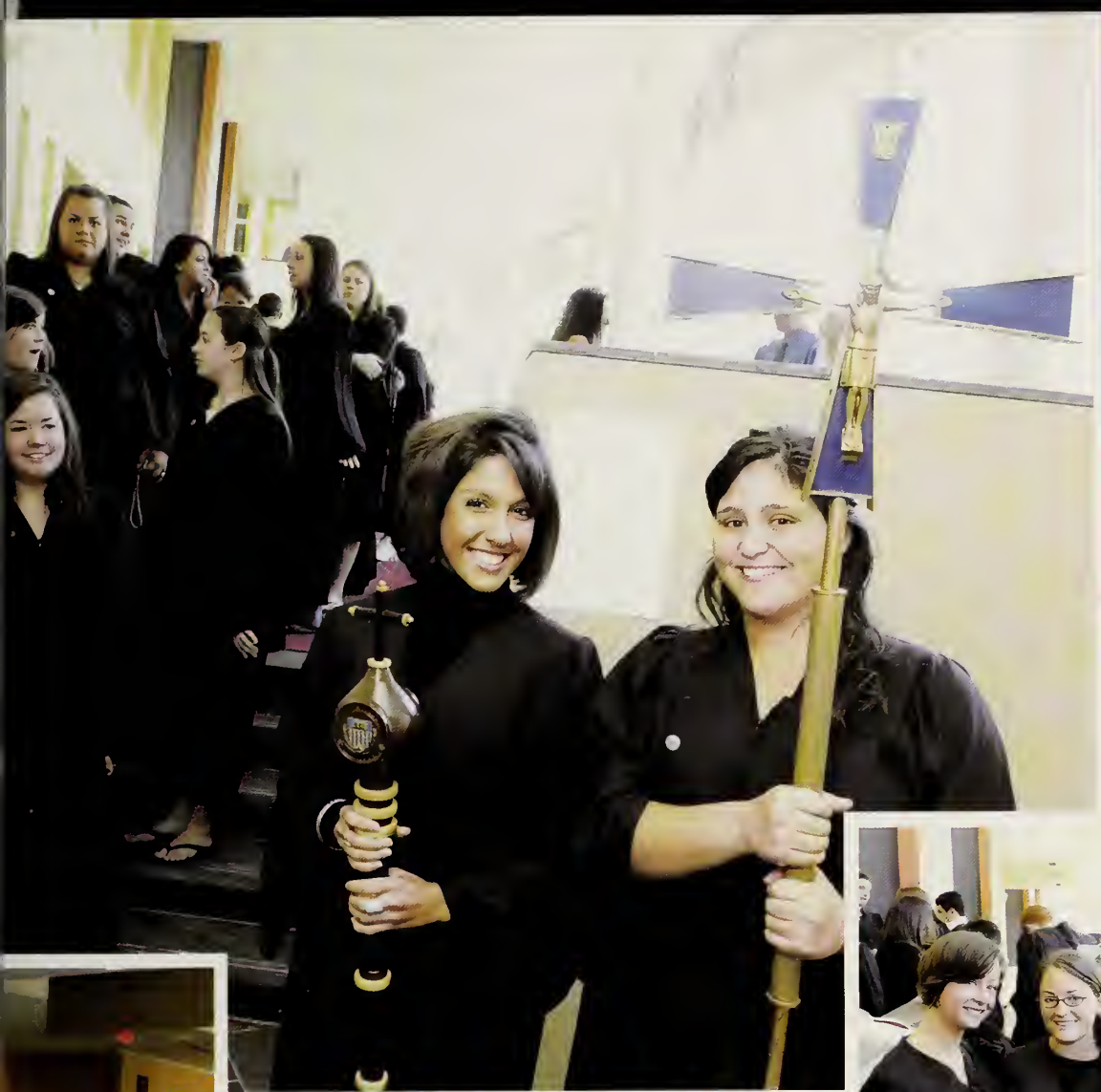

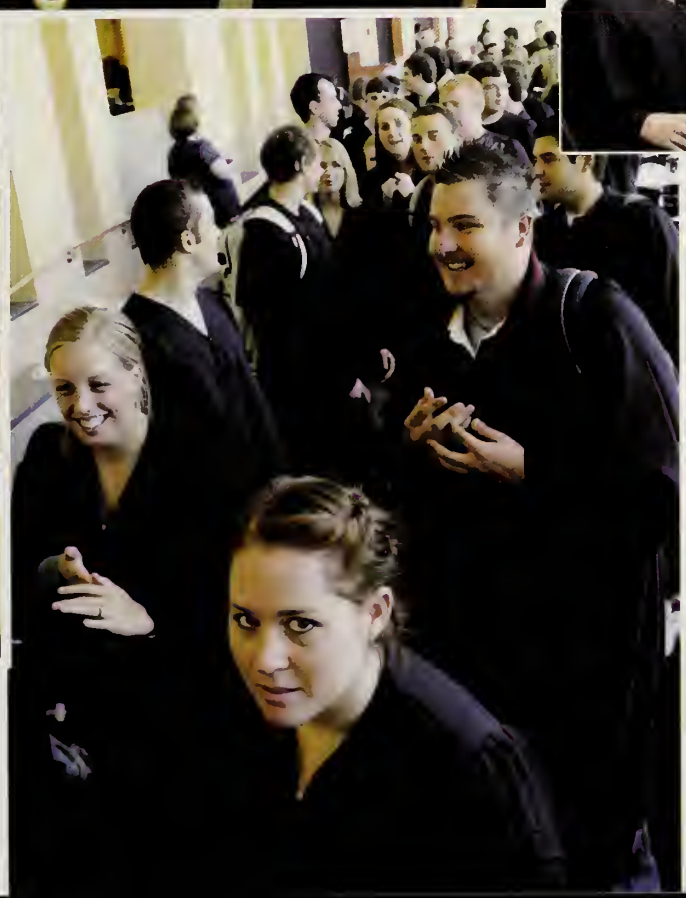

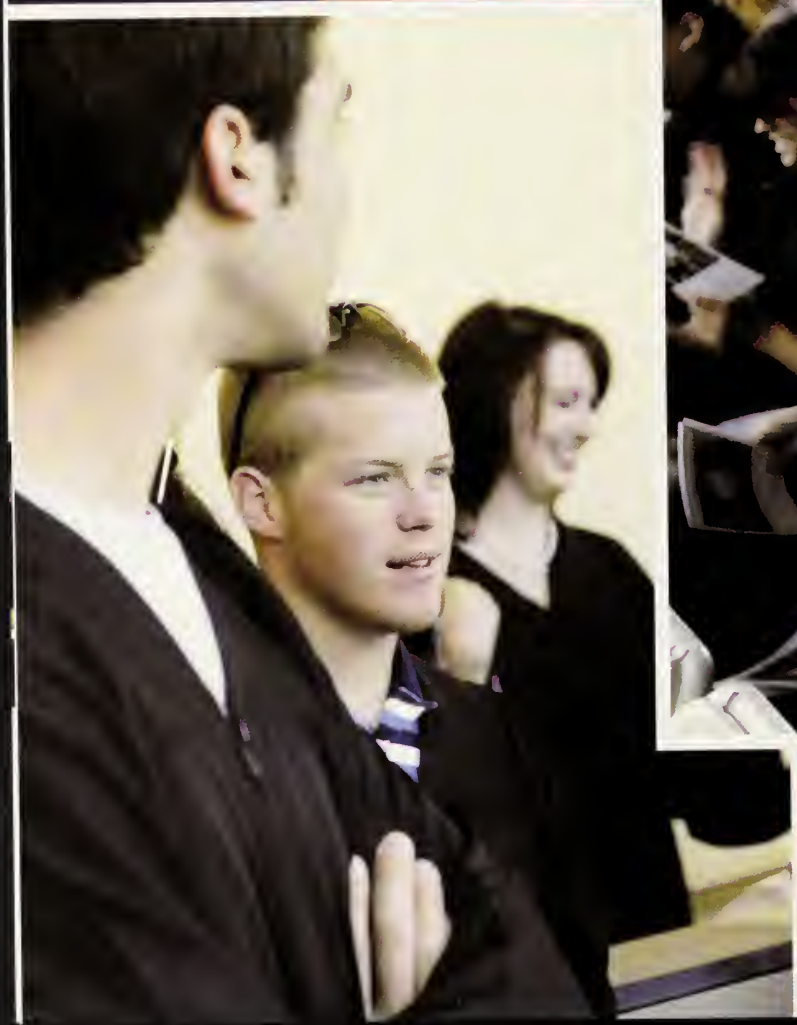

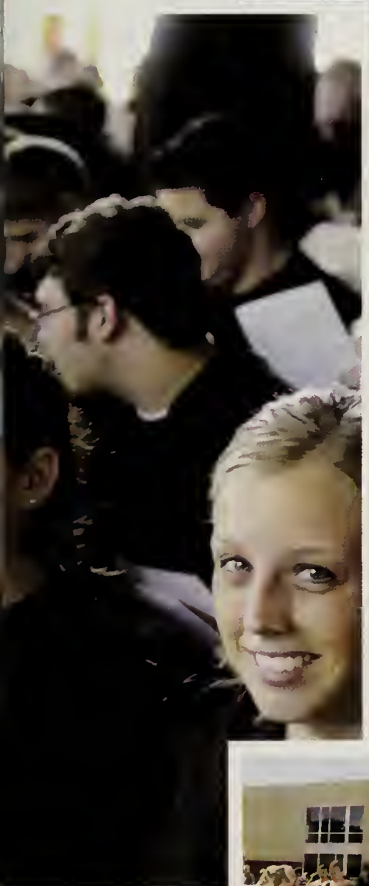

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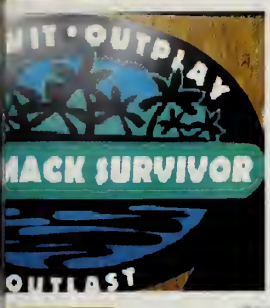
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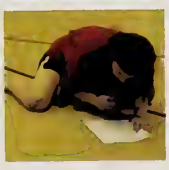

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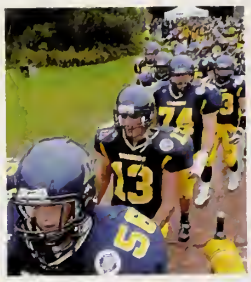

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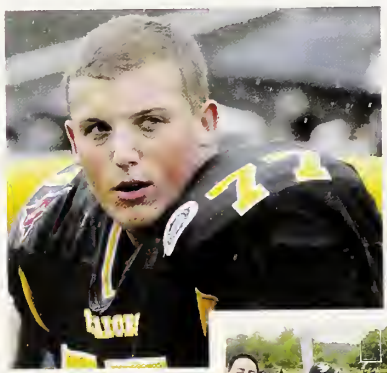

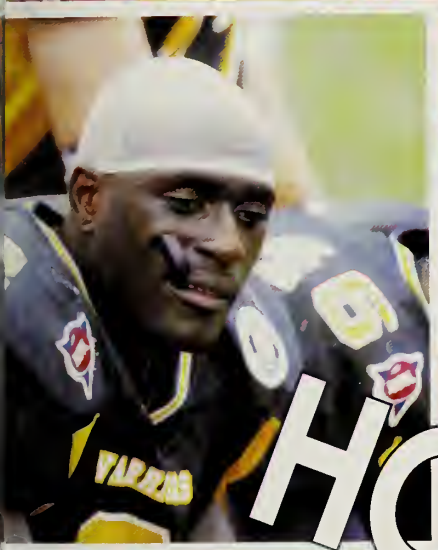

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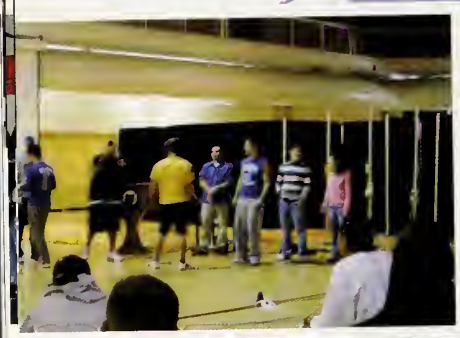

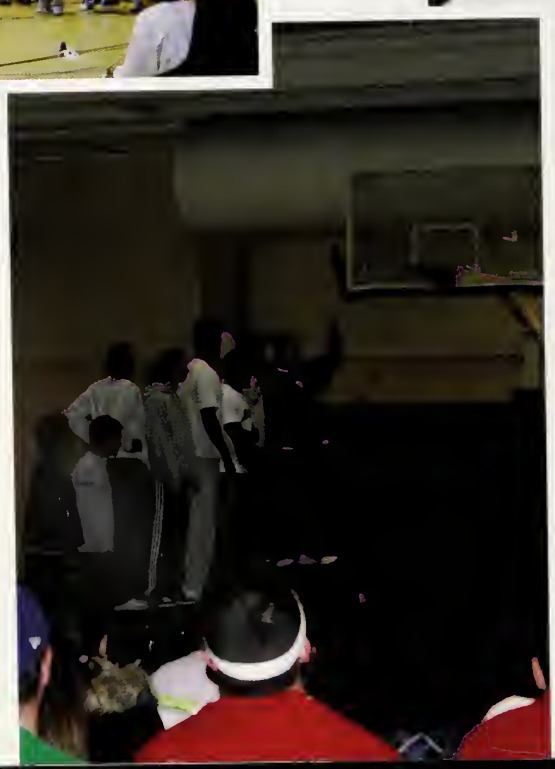

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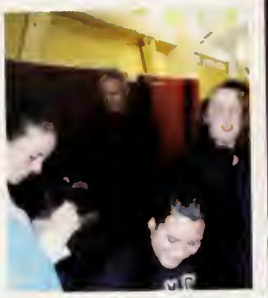

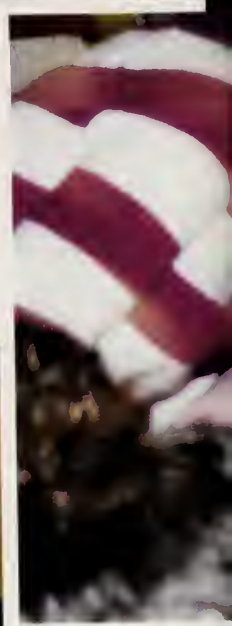

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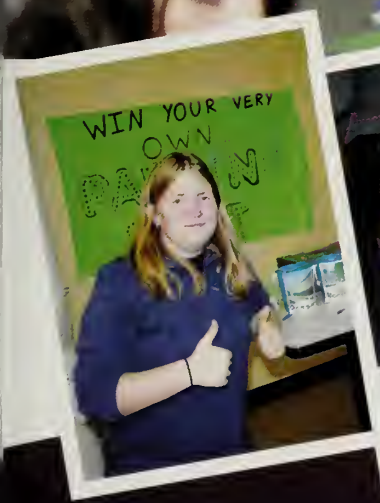
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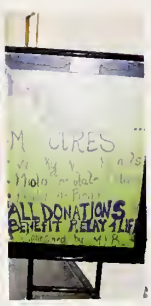

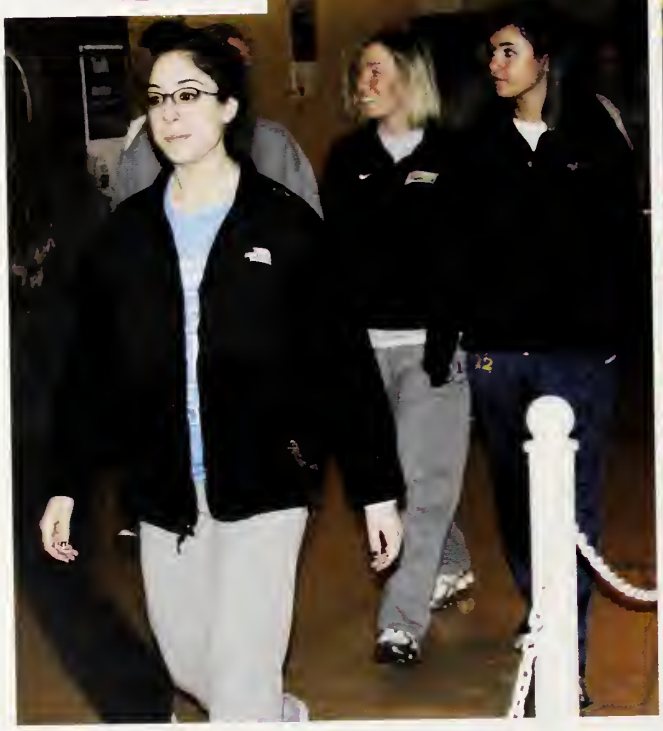

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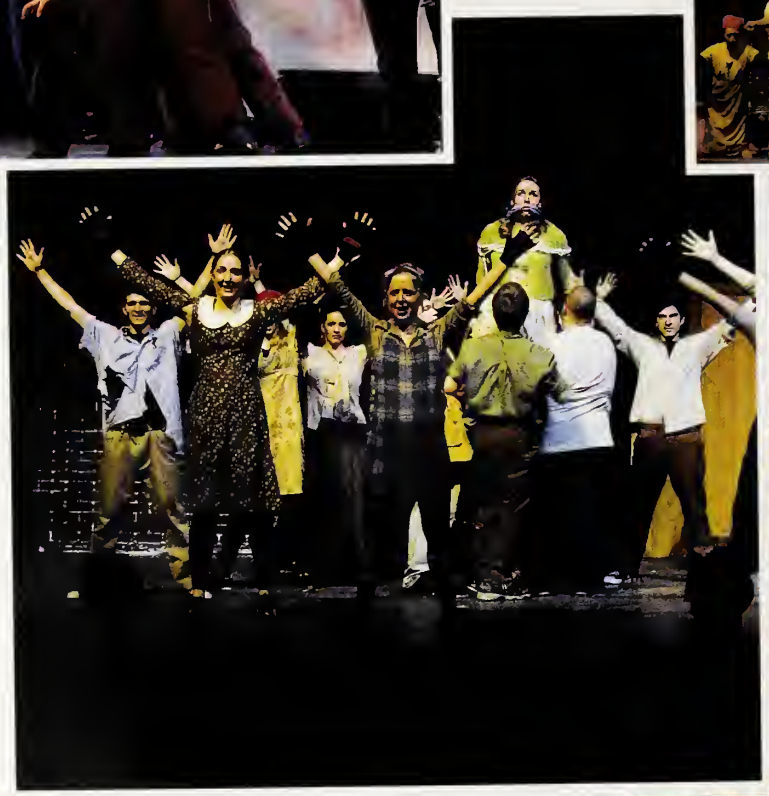

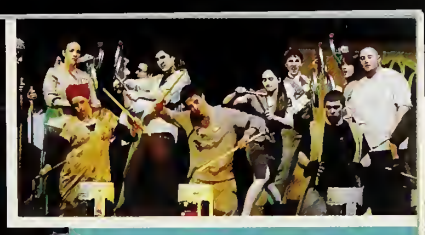

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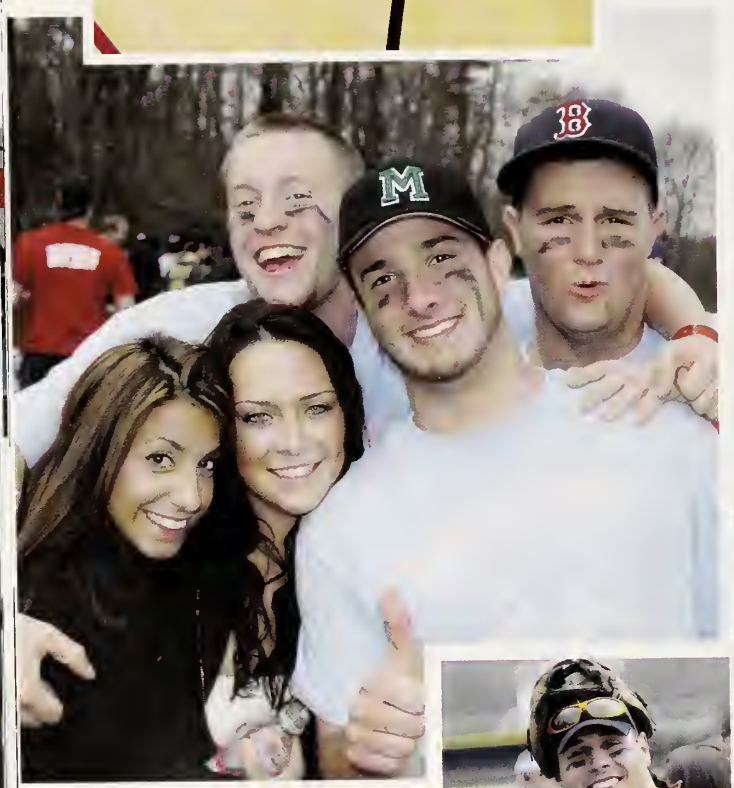

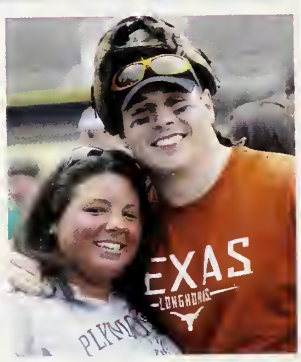

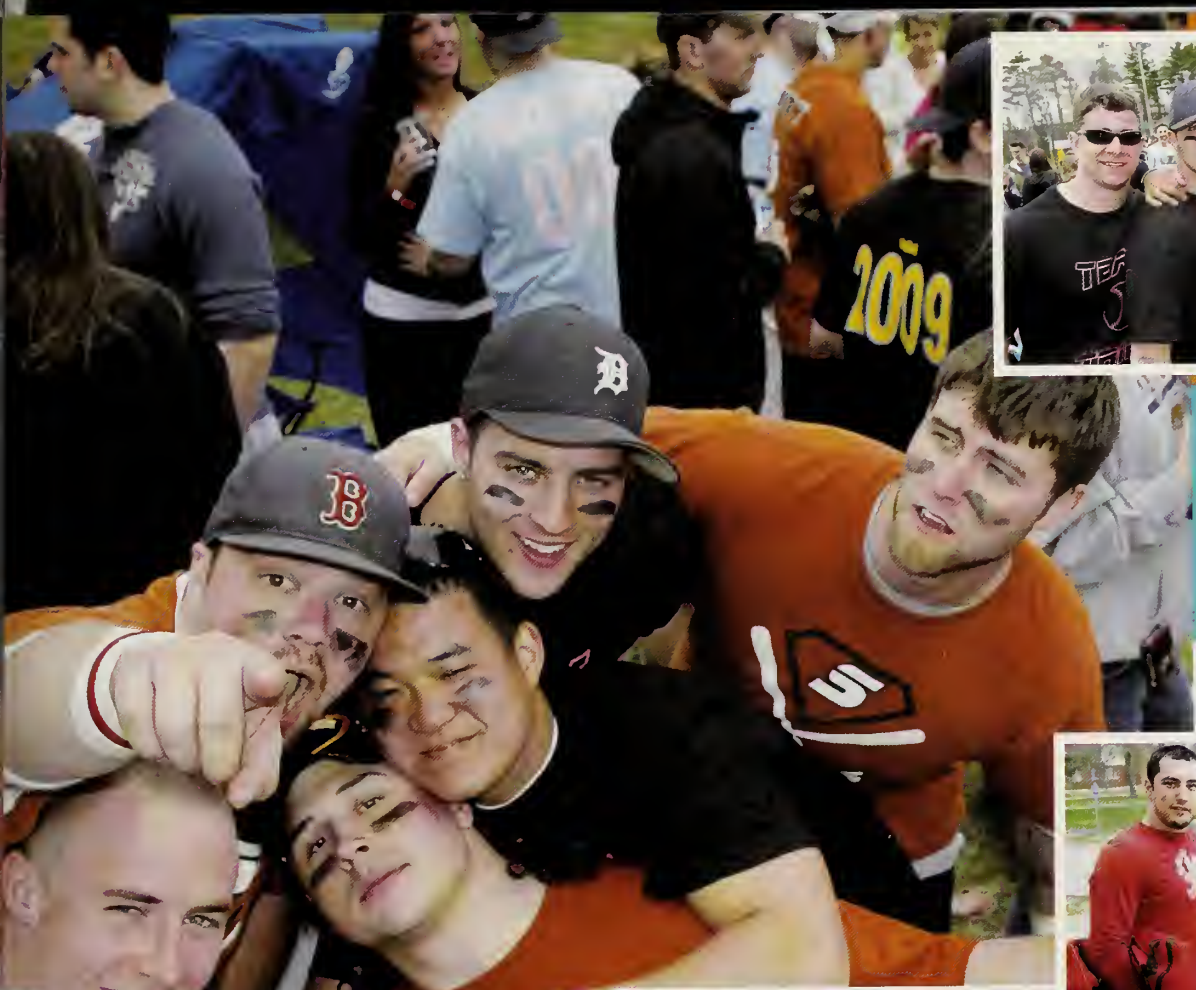
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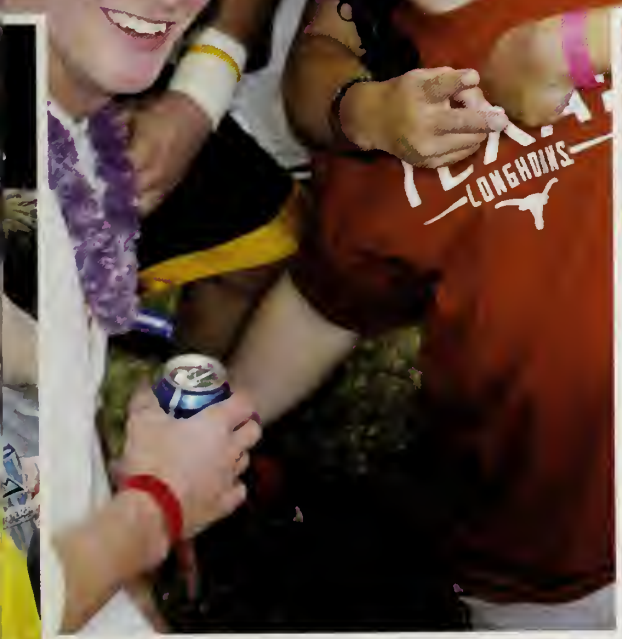
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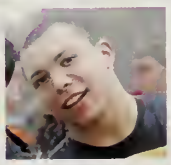

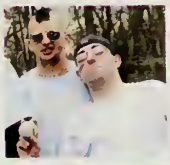

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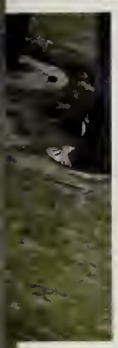

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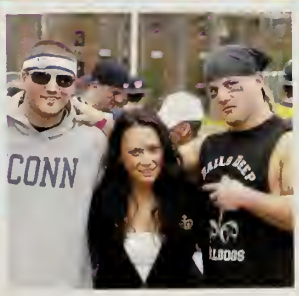
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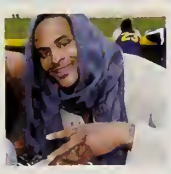

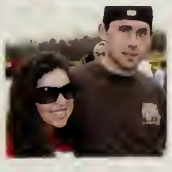

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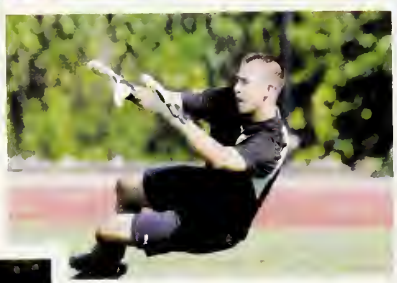

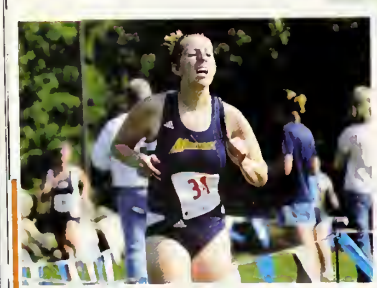

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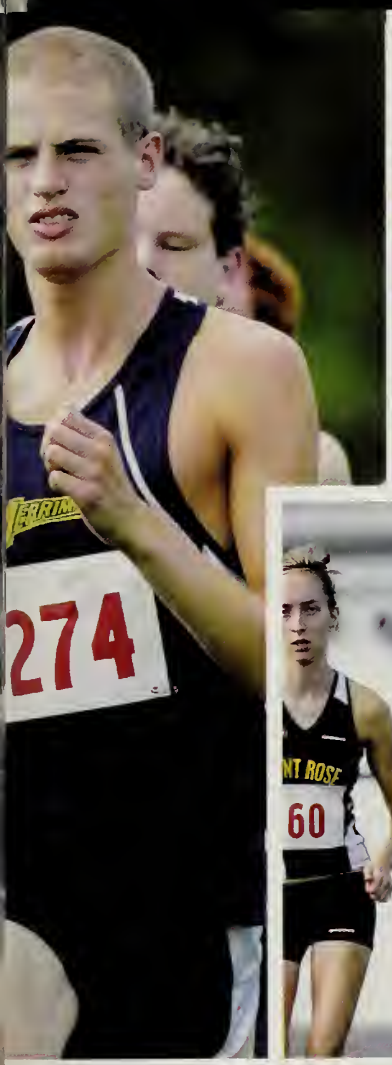

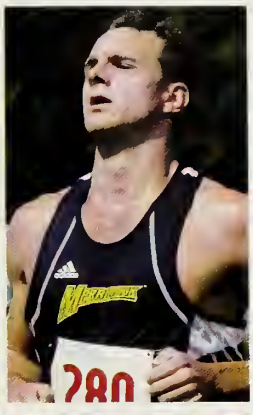

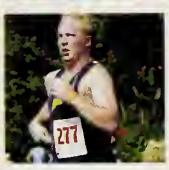

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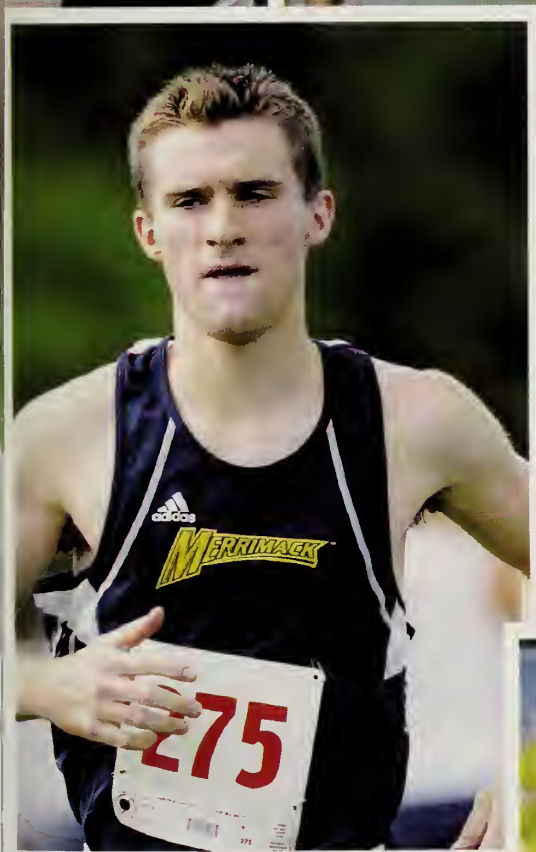

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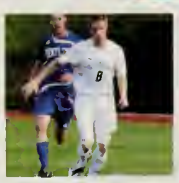

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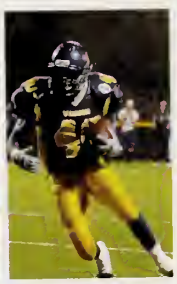

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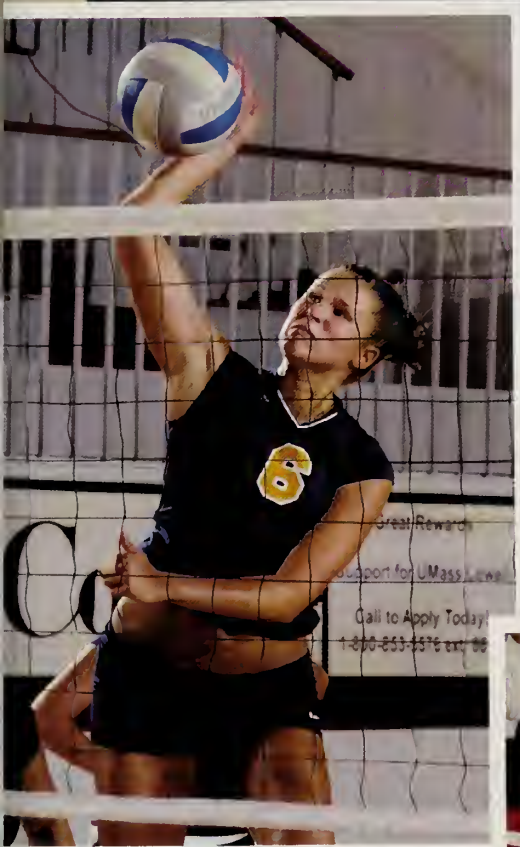


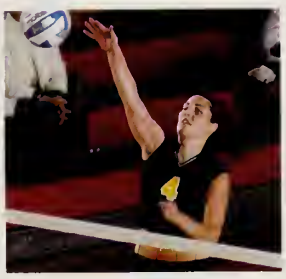

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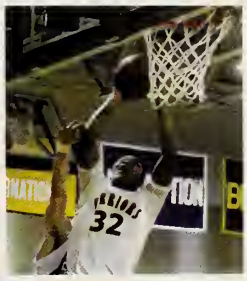

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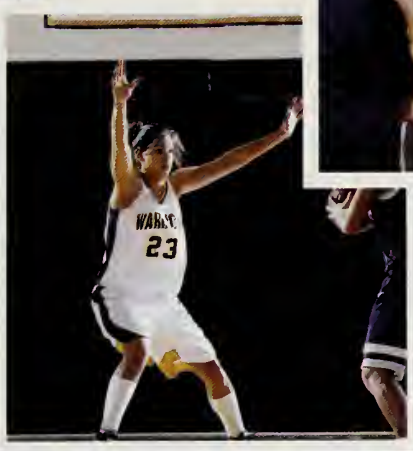

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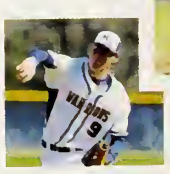

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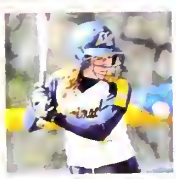

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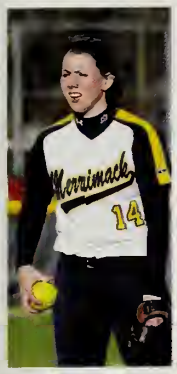
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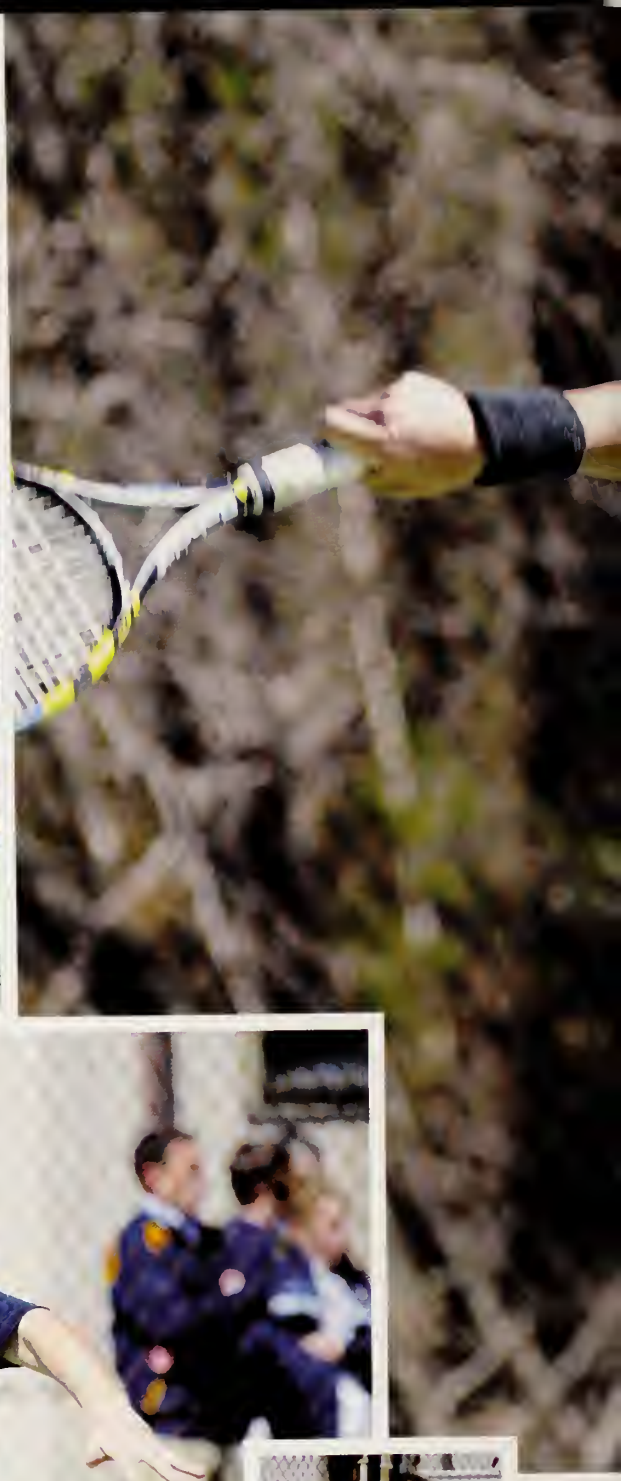

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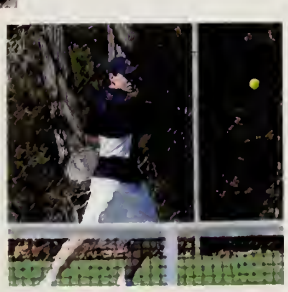

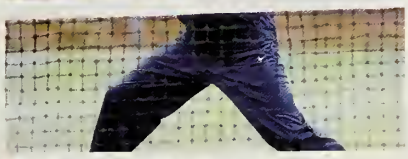

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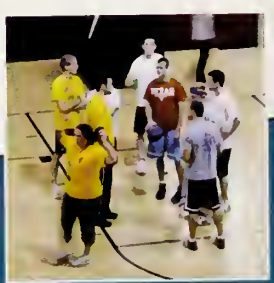

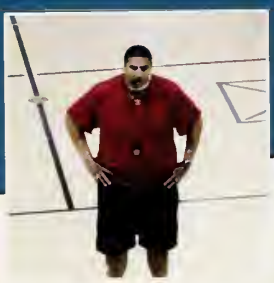

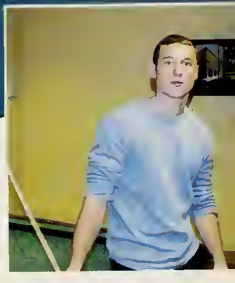

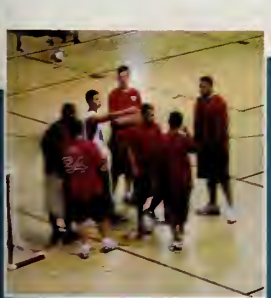

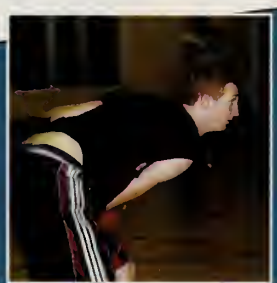

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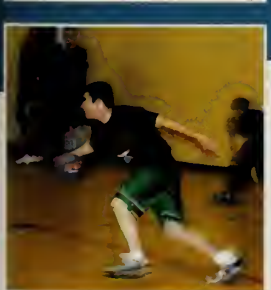

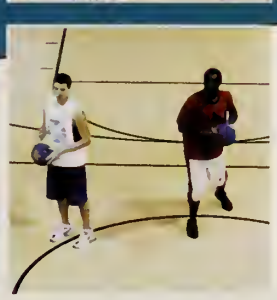

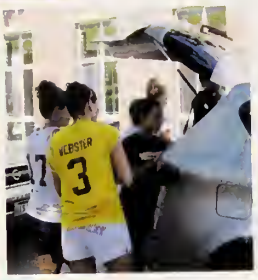

# involvement

**How does life at Merrimack compare to your own collegiate experience?**
Merrimack is very different from my undergraduate institution. I went to a mid-sized state institution, so the campus was larger and there was no religious affiliation. Working in Student Activities, however, I have the chance to work with students everyday who are like myself and my friends in college. They are involved in campus life and really care about making Merrimack a great community to live and learn in!

**What's one thing your students would be surprised to know about you?**
My students know a lot about me – Maybe that I majored in speech-language pathology/audiology in college.

**What's the most rewarding part of your job?**
Being able to work with students every day. I am able to watch them grow and mature from freshmen into seniors and find out who they are and what they want to do with their lives. I'm able to celebrate their successes with them and to help them learn from their mistakes. I never know what a given day in my job is going to include, and that keeps it exciting!

**What's the most difficult part of your job?**
Trying to get students to understand that the administration does not make a single decision without taking their thoughts and concerns into consideration. Although sometimes it may not seem like it, we are always making decisions that we believe are in the best interests/safety of the students. Also, it is difficult to hear negativity about issues surrounding student life from students who refuse to do anything about it. We are always asking for student feedback about programming and policies, and oftentimes no one steps up to give it. It is important for students to get involved so their voices can be heard.

**Why do you choose to work with collegiate-aged students?**
College was by far one of the best times of my life so far. I loved every minute of it. Working at a college is a way to stay in the collegiate environment but in a new way. I had some fabulous mentors when I was in college who helped me to succeed. I wanted to be able to be that person for future students, so I chose to work at a college.

**What are you most proud of in your academic career?**
Finishing my undergraduate degree with a 3.5 GPA.....and just finishing my Master's degree!

**What's your most memorable moment in working within your field?**
There are many memorable moments from my career so far – two that stand out are the night MPB did a program featuring reformed Nazi Frank Meeink. The night prior they screened the movie American History X, which was based on Frank's life. The next night Frank came to speak about how he became involved with the Nazis at a young age, when he made the realization that his actions were wrong, and how he has worked to reform himself. We had over 100 students there, which I was not expecting for an "educational" event since we can't get that many for a comedian many times, and the students listened and asked questions and were a great audience. It was nice to see college students taking time to educate themselves on a historical issue and really making an effort to learn. The other time was being present when a student had an 'a-ha' moment about what she wanted to do with her life. Being there as she made the realization was really cool.

**How do you spend your weekends?**
I am very close to my younger cousins and my goddaughter (ages 6 months-9 years) and spend a lot of time with them on the weekends at soccer games and dance classes and going out for ice cream. I also spend time catching up with my friends. I live near the city so we go into Boston a lot. You can find me at Merrimack on the weekends sometimes as well! Since my job requires night and weekend hours, it is important to me to see my family and friends when I have a chance.

# laura flynn

**The one thing students would be surprised to know about me...**
...is that if I wasn't a Sister of Notre Dame I'd live on a large farm in the country and care for stray and injured animals.

**The most rewarding part of my job....**
...is being on a student service trip or retreat and sensing a student's awareness of the presence of God in a person served, or a developing relationship with the God of their own personal lives.

**The most difficult part of my job...**
...is often not being sure what type of Campus Ministry programming will interest Merrimack students and contribute to their lives.

**I choose to work with collegiate-aged students...**
...because of their sense of searching, conviction, passion for life, and desire to make the world a better place.

**I spend my weekends...**
„„relaxing with a good novel, taking a walk in the beauty of nature, doing housework, and napping when I can.

# sister mary ellen dow S.N.D.

**How does life at Merrimack compare to your own collegiate experience?**
My own collegiate experience compares to that of our commuter students. I always had to put myself through school, so I spent time commuting to campus, studying and working. I spend more time on campus and am much more involved as a faculty member than I was able to be as a student. I'm sorry that I wasn't able to afford to live on campus. I believe that campus life is a huge part of a student's undergraduate experience.

**Describe the value of the subject you teach and its application to life?**
I am a technologist; I teach Management Information Systems, e-Business, Database Management Systems and Systems Analysis and Design. Whatever a student plans to do for a living after college will involve technology on one level or another. I'd like to think that what I teach adds a huge amount of value to a student's personal and professional life after Merrimack. We use technology as professionals–email, spreadsheets, databases, word processing, instant messaging, etc. and we use technology in our personal lives–social networking, text messaging, email, etc. The beauty and the challenge of technology is that it is always evolving. There's always something new to discover; nobody knows everything about every aspect of technology.

**What's one thing your students would be surprised to know about you?**
There are actually two things: One, I enjoy most musical genres including rap/hip-hop, R&B, and alternative rock. I don't listen to it to "try to be young"; I listen to it because I enjoy it. I've always enjoye how music has changed over the years. My two children (currently ages 24 and 21) continue to introduce me to new music. Two, I used to be a fat child. In grade school, my nickname was Fatty Patty. I do not look back on those days with fondness. It was tough being ostracized for my weight. I made up for it through my school work, athletics and participation in student government. It's a continued challenge to maintain a healthy weight and lifestyle.

**What's the most rewarding part of your job?**
I find it incredibly rewarding when I hear from graduates that they've gottem a job because of something they learned in one of my classes or that I somehow made a difference in their lives. I think tha is so cool; it makes it all worth it.

**What's the most difficult part of your job?**
There are a couple of things: First, the amount of work can be overwhelming at times. I typically work 6 days a week and nights. It's not like the work can wait. For example, after teaching all day, attending committee meetings, etc., I have to bring work home to get ready for class the next day. We have research and publication obligations, so if an article is due by a certain date to a conference o journal, they don't want to hear that you didn't have time to get to it. Another thing that makes me nuts is that people think I have the summers off. I don't. That's when I get most of my research done. Second, politics. I just wish people would just be honest and open with each other. It's not that hard to do! It would make life so much easier.

**Why do you choose to work with collegiate-aged students?**
I kind of fell into it. When I was working on my MBA at St. Joseph's University, I was very fortunate to have gotten a teaching assistantship. I taught business software applications to undergrads. I wa hooked after that.

**What are you most proud of in your academic career?**
Earning a Ph.D. while working full time and raising two children.

**What's your most memorable moment in working within your field?**
Receiving tenure, earning a doctorate and being promoted to full Professor.

**How do you spend your weekends?**
When my children were young, my husband and I used to either coach or attend their athletic events. Now, most Saturdays involve domestic chores: laundry, grocery shopping, etc. Every Sunday I go t the gym and work. Work includes grading papers, preparing for Monday's class, etc. Clearly I do not have much of a social life.

# patricia sendall

**How does life at Merrimack compare to your own collegiate experience?**
In a lot of ways it's very similar. I attended a small liberal arts college and I was a sorority member, so I feel right at home at Merrimack.

**Describe the value of the subject you teach and it's application to life?**
Good communication matters. It matters fundamentally in terms of the individual's success personally and professionally. Professionally, employers want good communication skills in their employees first and foremost. In addition to being able to read and write effectively, employers expect employees to be able to orally communicate with others effectively, and to participate in teams. Personally, good communication skills are fundamental in terms of the quality of your relationships. Good communication is part of being a good romantic partner, a good parent, a good friend, as well as communicating effectively with your coworkers, neighbors, and others in your community.

**What's one thing your students would be surprised to know about you?**
I'm a Parrothead (Jimmy Buffett fan).

**What's the most rewarding part of your job?**
The relationships I get to develop with students in and out of the classroom. They allow me to be part of their lives.

**What's the most difficult part of your job?**
I find it very difficult to balance my family and my job.

**Why do your choose to work with collegiate-aged students?**
I appreciate the independence the students have. They are responsible for their choices. They can choose whether or not to give me an opportunity to teach them professionally and reach them interpersonally.

**What are you most proud of in your academic career?**
Honors, such as this, that come from students, make me most proud. It reminds me that what I do everyday matters.

**What's your most memorable moment in working within your field?**
I'm still very early in my career so I can't say that I have one yet...but check back with me in 10 years!

**How do you spend your weekends?**
I love spending time with my son, Aidan, and my husband, Jon.

# wendy nichols

# faculty & staff

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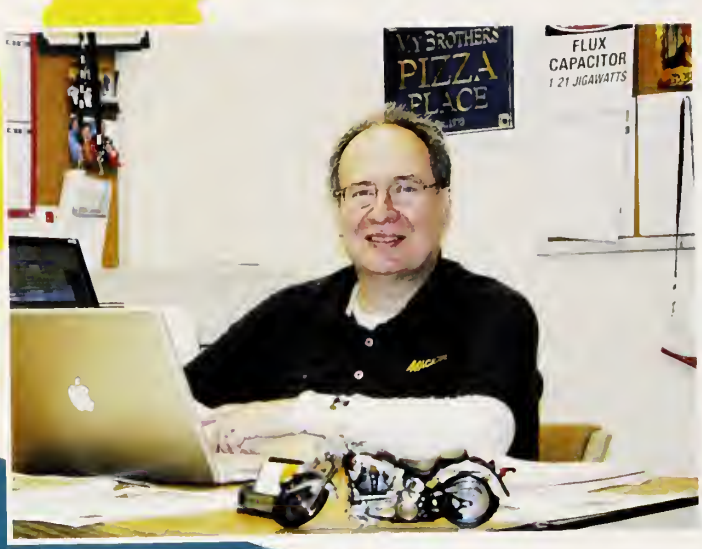


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Class Council 2009

Embassy Students

Investment Society

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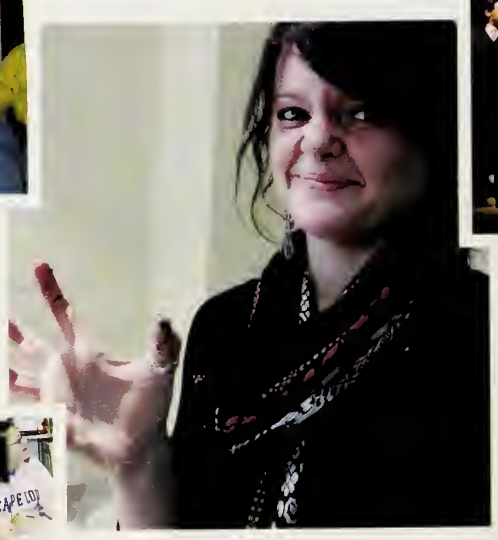

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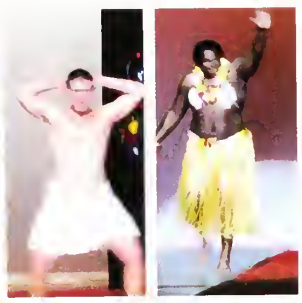

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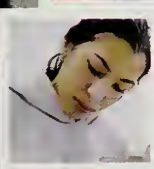

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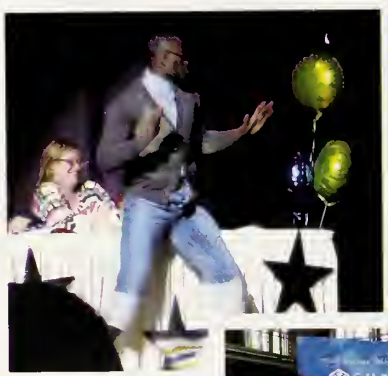

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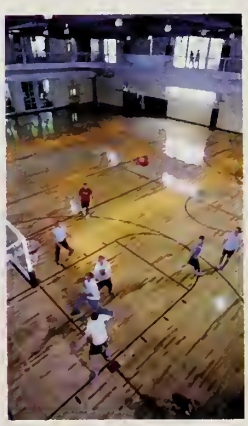

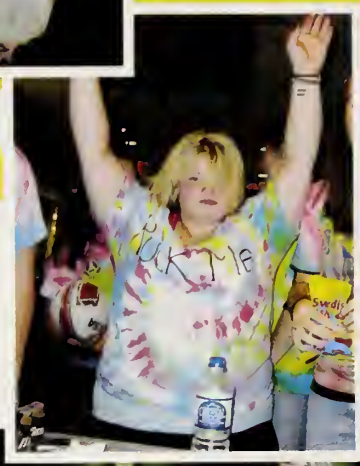

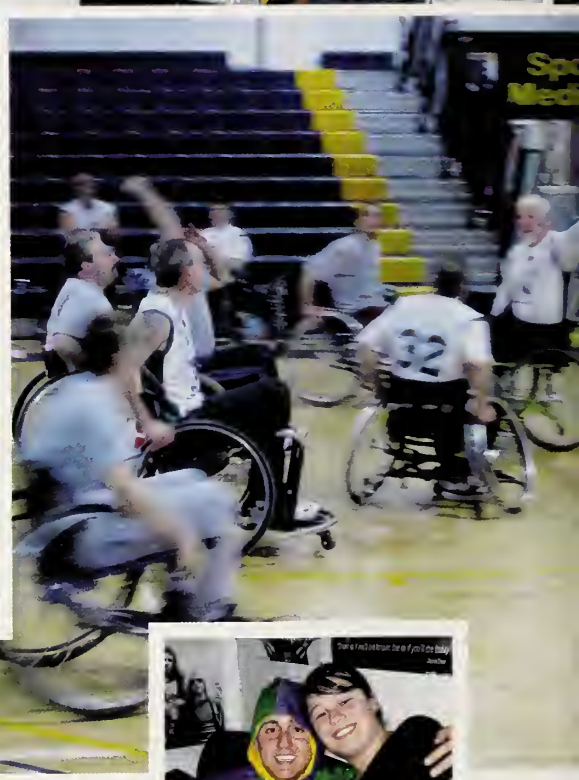

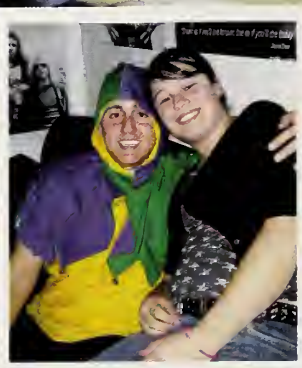

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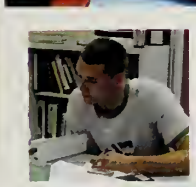


# MICHAEL STEVEN DEROSA

*You possess all the qualities you'll ever need in life. You are strong-willed and intelligent, you are kind and considerate. You are dedicated and full of spirit; you're honorable and have a giving heart. Whatever choices you make in life they will be incredible and the ones that are best for you. So keep doing what you're doing and being who you are. You've got a big heart and a great mind, always keep your goodness and never lose your love. You'll be rewarded with success in ways you never dreamed of. As you reflect and read these words remember that you'll always be loved, not just today, but as long as there are stars in the sky.*

*You make us all very proud,*

## CONGRATULATIONS!

*Love,*
*Dad, Mom, Chris, Jimmy & Annie*

KRISTIN L GABRIEL

## Dear Kristin,

Congratulations! We are extremely proud of all you have accomplished at Merrimack. May life only bring you the very best and always remember how very much you are loved.

All our love,
Mom, Dad, and Shawn

## CHRISTINA CROSBY

Congratulations on achieving your dream of becoming a college graduate. You have worked hard and truly deserve the success that is yours.

We share immense pride and happiness with you on this special occasion and always.

Love,
Mom & Dad

## ALEX MARCIN

### Congratulations Alex!

We are so very proud of you and see such a bright and successful future ahead of you. You are the best son any two parents could ever have hoped for!!
Good Luck and God Bless.
We love you with all our hearts.

Love,
Mom & Dad

## MATTHEW NIKAS

Matt- Congratulations on your college graduation! We are very proud of you. Your strong determination, self discipline, humor, and perseverance have gotten you here today. Keep believing in your dreams. Be proud of how far you have come and have faith in how far you will continue to go. We will always be here by your side.
*All our love;*
*Mom, Dad & Noelle*

## LAURA DEVINCENT

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!!!

Your accomplishments and commitment to excellence are amazing! We wish you happiness, success, and joy. Wherever you go and whatever you do, go with all your heart, always keeping your fun sense of humor. Your future is in very good hands - your own. And remember,
life is too short to be anything but happy.

Congratulations! YOU MADE IT! Look our work, here comes Scoogie!
Love, Mom, Dad, Denise, Simmy & Scoots

## CONGRATULATIONS NIKKI!

We are all very proud of you.
May all your dreams come true!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Toni, and Kayla

## NICOLE CARUSO

CONGRATULATIONS DANIELLA!

We love you!
Mom & Dad
xo xo xo

**DANIELLA GUARINO**

**CONGRATULATIONS SON!**

Mom & Dad are proud for the achievement.
You are our #1 for all the years in soccer!

*Love you always.*

**ERIC CHRISTOPER GOMES**

**MEGHAN HERAN**

Meghan-
We always knew you would do great things...
Congratulations Graduate...!
Love you Always...
Mom, Dad, and Kyle

Dear Jason,
Congratulations! We are so proud of you. As you journey through life remember to always believe in yourself. We wish you a life filled with love, happiness, and success.
All Our Love,
Mom, Dad, and Lauren

**JASON LETTIERI**

JILL,

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments. We are so proud of you and wish you a bright future filled with love, joy, and happiness. Keep smiling!
Love,
Dad & Mom

**JILL RICHARDS**

Victoria, you are so precious, always giving us a reason to smile. We are so proud of the woman you have become.

Love you so very much,
Mom, Dad & Alexa

**VICTORIA ALBANO**

AMANDA,

As you move on to the next stage in your life, we want to congratulate you and tell you how proud we are of you and all you have accomplished so far. Watching you grow from the little girl you were (it seems only yesterday) into the beautiful and intelligent woman you are today has been one of the greatest joys of our life.

We hope you have enjoyed your journey so far, and made friends you will keep forever. Know that we will always be here for you. May all your dreams come true.

Love,
Mom & Dad

AMANDA CALNAN

## COURTNEY PENTA

Courtney,
You did it!
We are so proud of you. Hard work and perseverance bring reward!
Congratulations!!
Love,
Dad, Mom, Kim, Emily and Rascal

## CONGRATULATIONS MIKE!

Live. Laugh, Love Life!

*We are very proud of you*

Love,
Mom, Dad & Mark

## MICHAEL CACCIOLA

## JOHN GAGNON

We are very proud of you and all you have accomplished in your college years. Enjoy yourself as you go forward in your life.
Love, Mom, Dad, Josh & Sammie

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you know what you know.
You are they guy who'll decide where to go. **- Dr Seuss**

## NICOLINA THERESA MARISA ABRUZZESE

A DAUGHTER, SISTER, NIECE, COUSIN, GODMOTHER, AND TREASURED FRIEND,

Today is a special day and you're the reason. There are no words eloquent enough to describe how proud and honored we all are to have you in our life. You are a remarkable young woman with such balance and a smile that melts the hearts you touch. Your love of family and life will see you through a lifetime of success and happiness.

So, as you begin the next chapter of your life, here is our advice to you...

TO LIVE A SUCCESSFUL LIFE
DOES NOT REQUIRE MONEY, FAME,
POWER, PRESTIGE
OR STATUS SYMBOLS...

IT'S MORE A MATTER OF BEING TRUE
TO YOUR BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES,
DOING YOUR BEST,
EVEN IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS,
AND NEVER TAKING FOR GRANTED
THE SIMPLE JOYS IN LIFE-
SUCH AS LAUGHTER, A PERFECT DAY,
OR A LOYAL FRIEND.

FOR ALL THE MONEY IN THE WORLD
CAN'T BUY SELF-ESTEEM, CHARACTER
AND THESE ARE THE VERY THINGS
THAT MAKE LIFE WORTH LIVING.

HOWEVER YOUR DEFINE
HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS
MAY YOU FIND AND ENJOY THEM
EVERY DAY OF YOUR LIFE.

Our unconditional love will forever follow you,
Mom, Dad, and Daniela

## KARA AUTONELLI

CONGRATULATIONS
KARA

There are no limits to your success.
We are so proud of your success
and look forward to you achieving
all of your dreams. We are the
best!

Love,
Mom & Dad

## CASSIE NOWAK

**Our Dear Cassie,**
No words could ever express
The joy you have brought to our hearts.
You are a parent's dream come true
And we are so very, very proud of you.
We Love You,
Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS!

## KAITLIN ROOP

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Congratulations on a job well done! We are so proud of you. You have grown from a beautiful little girl to a confident, remarkable young woman. What a thrill it will be so see where you go from here.

Love,
Mom and Dad

LIVE
YOUR
DREAM

Love,
Mom, Dad, Melissa, and JP

## NICOLE GORDON

# LINDSAY HUTTON

DEAREST LINDSAY,

It's hard for Mom and Dad to see that you are all grown up. It seems like only yesterday that we held you for the first time, oh, how you have grown!

As you grew we learned to let you spread your wings, build your dreams, and find your place in this world. When we look at you now we see what a beautiful, bright young woman you have become.

You have worked so hard and we're all so very proud of you. Whatever your future holds and wherever your dreams take you we will be there to support you every step of the way.

WITH ALL OUR LOVE,

MOM, DAD, MICHAEL, AND CASEY!

## ERICA PEPE

Erica,
Wow, look at you now!! We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments throughout the years. You have grown into a beautiful young lady with a passion for life. You have brought so much joy into our lives and are ready now to face life's new and exciting challenges. Go confidently in the direction of your dreams, follow your heart, and live the life you have always imagined. Remember, it's not the destination, it's the journey.

Go out there and do something remarkable!

Love, Mom, Dad, Lexi & Grammy

## ASHLEY DERUOSI

"Dream as if you will live forever, live as if you will die today."
... James Dean

**You have always been a source of pride and joy for us. We hope your future is filled with happiness and success! We love you!**

**Love,**
**Mom & Dad**

ELISE DUFOUR

See how far you've come!
The road has been long, but now you hold the key to the rest of your life. Unlock every door...

**Congratulations! We're ever so proud!**

Much Love,
Mom, Dad & Phil

CONGRATULATIONS SEAN

MAM, DAD, SIOBHAN, BRID, VINNIE, & Nephews EVAN & DYLAN...

are very proud of your achievement and success during your four wonderful years at Merrimack College. Our wish for you is that you will now reap the rewards you so richly deserve for your hard work as you embark on a new chapter in your life.

We love you very much Sean, and we want to Thank You for being such a wonderful Son Brother and Uncle

Every Success in your Future Endeavors

**SEAN WALSH**

CASEY DORGAN

DO NOT FOLLOW WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD...
GO INSTEAD WHERE THERE IS NO PATH AND
LEAVE A TRAIL."
- R.W.E.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Aliix,
Denis & Chloe

MELISSA PRINCIPI

Dear Melissa,
We are all so proud of you! You have accomplished and will continue to accomplish so many goals.
"Oh, the places you'll go"...with your dedication and personality the sky is the limit! Congratulations!
Love, Mom, Dad, and Jenna

**Jess,**
**We are so proud of you for all that you have accomplished, but more so for the amazing person you are. All of the special qualities you possess will take you far in life.**
**We love you so much!**
**Mom and Dad**

JESSICA HELEN OSBORN

SUSAN ANN DIMAURO

We all knew on that day in March of 1987, this girl was very special. We always knew where to look for you - in your room, reading a book.
After four short years at Merrimack, all your hard work, we are all so proud of you.

**Congratulations Susan!**

Love - Mom & Dad, Christina and Andrea

ANDREA FARIS

CONGRATULATIONS ANDREA!

**WE ARE SO VERY PROUD OF YOU AND YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS**

May All Your Dreams Come True and May God Continue to Bless You with Good Health, Much Happiness, and Many Successful Endeavors!
**You Go Girl!**

We Love You Very Much!!
Mom and Dad

# CHRISTINA MARIE MARIANO

Graduation is a time to celebrate your achievements, prepare for the future of opportunities, and embrace a world of infinite possibilities. What a wonderful time in your life! We are so proud of your accomplishments. Congratulations!

With much love, Mom, Dad, Joe, Grammie, Grampie, Auntie, and Scott

FOREVER OUR GIRL

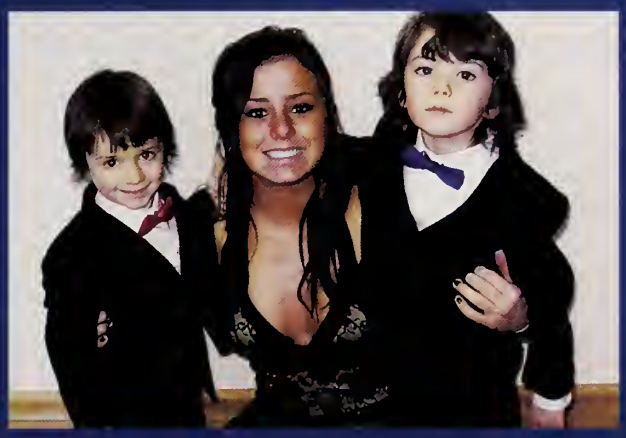
**KRISTI LYNN STRATTON**

***Follow your heart and your dreams will come true!***

***XO***
***Dad, Mom & David***

## FELICIA ANNE...

The Heart of an Angel
A Soul that Reaches For
A Warm and Giving Spirit
The Beauty of a Shooting Star
"You are my Sunshine"
Loving you Forever,
Grandmother Jean Mary



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**FELICIA ASTORINO**

## MELISSA FUIMARA

Dear Melissa,
It seemed like yesterday we walked you to the bus stop for your 1st day of school. Now you are in your last year of college and we couldn't be more proud of you and all that you have accomplished. May you never change, stay focused, keep the lord in your heart and the rest will fall into place.

Love always,
Mom and Dad

From Stevie our little boy on his first day of Kindergarten...

To Steve the young man you have become.

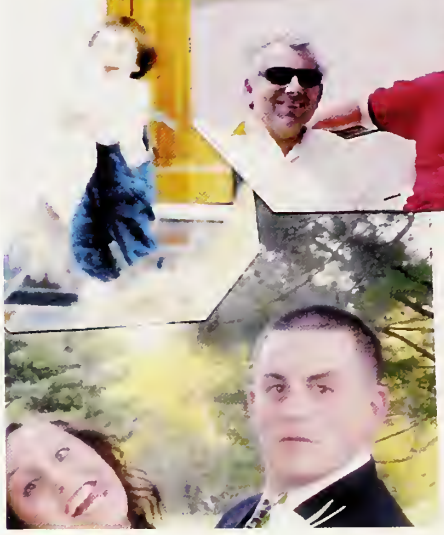
## STEVE VIGLIONE

We are so proud of all your achievements. Your talents and hard work will bring you much success.

Congratulations!

Love, Mom & Dad

# PAIGE RYAN SAVY



*Paige Ryan Savy*

*Congratulations to all your greatest accomplishments.*

*Our dearest love*
*From your biggest fans*
*"the Fam"*

# JOSEPH ANTHONY MARTIGNETTI

For the many trials you have endured, you have always risen above them all.

Your constant smile and charming manner will lead you on the path to success.

We love you and are so very proud of the man you have become. We wish you much success and happiness in the future. We will always be there for you!

WITH ALL OUR LOVE!

DAD & MOM

JULIE & MARK

DAN, ANTHONY, AND BOB

# RYAN M DURKEE

Ryan, you are an amazing young man. We love you and are so proud of everything you have accomplished. You have many gifts to offer, and we know you will be great at whatever you do.

Love, Mom and Dad

**On Wings of Knowledge**

There you are in your cap and tassel
Ready to make the world your castle.
It seems just yesterday you were a kid,
Watching everything we did.
Now we're watching you graduate–
The grown young man we helped create!
On wings of knowledge you will fly;
We couldn't be prouder, Ryan, of you;
We wish you success in all that you do.
Remember one thing we want you to know:
Our love is with you wherever you go.

by Joanna Fuchs
www.poemsource.com

Congratulations... You've made us very proud of you once again.

Merrimack was your only choice and it was undoubtedly the first of the many good decisions you've made. We can't wait to see what your future holds or how many people will be impacted by your hard work, compassion, and endless potential.

May you always treasure the memories of your years at Merrimack with a special smile, as you step forward into the future. Follow your dreams with confidence in not only the knowledge you've gained and the experience you've shared but comfortable in the security of family and friends.

You're one of a kind, sweet, special, and truly a nice person. You're the bestest ever. Congratulations Kiddo, You've Done Good. We're Proud of you, Love you always, and genuinely respect the person you've become...

... and then I cried, as my princess grew up.

# MELISSA S SKERRY

## JUSTINE ASHLEY KARAMAN

We never tire or reminding you that you are loved and valued.
We never tired of affirming your life and your gifts.

With love,
Mom, Dad, Elyssa, and Jarod

## JAMIE CACCAVARO

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

{elenor roosevelt}

Jamie,
We are very proud of you.

Congratulations on your graduation!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Melissa, Jenn,
Rich, Brady, Iver and Karen

## TOM MONACO

# CONGRATULATIONS TOM!

We are very proud of the man you have become.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Dan, and Gabrielle

# JOHN SEAWARD

'05-'06 freshmen, roommates, teammates, 3 amigos

'08-'09 seniors, roommates, teammates, friends forever

Congratulations John! You have made us all proud!

Mom, Dad, Kendra, and Bubba

***Thank you for giving our son the Merrimack experience - academically, socially, athletically, spiritually - the BEST!***

## OLIVIA GLYNN

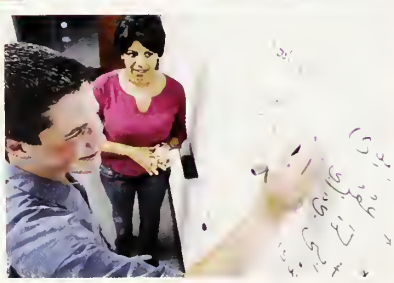
**We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. You have always been such a treasure to us. Wherever you go from here, go with all your heart and may all your dreams come true!**

Love & Kisses,
Daddy, Mom, Jen, Kelsey, and Mya

Katie, Every journey begins with a single step! We're so proud of the steps you've taken and can't wait to see where your journey takes you!

Love,
Mom, Dad
and Chris

## KATIE KEFALAS



2008-2009

# WORLD YEARBOOK

HERFF JONES

**TIGER WOODS** won his third U.S. Open title at Torrey Pines, outlasting Rocco Mediate on the 19th hole of a play-off. **BILL GATES**, Microsoft's chairman and largest shareholder, marked the unofficial end of his career, "retiring" to spend more time guiding his charitable foundation. **NASA**'s space shuttle Discovery landed safely in Florida after delivering a new Japanese laboratory to the International Space Station.

**NEW ORLEANS RAPPER LIL WAYNE** grew his fan base with free songs, then sold more than a million copies of "Tha Carter III" in a week, the first album since 2005 to do so.

**MIDWESTERN FLOODING** caused by severe storms that dropped nearly a foot of rain from Iowa to Michigan and Indiana displaced thousands and left at least eight dead.

**A TENNESSEE REPEAT** made Coach Pat Summit's Lady Vols the NCAA champions for a second consecutive year; Candace Parker won back-to-back MVP honors.

# OBAMA'S NOMINATION

made history when, on June 3, 2008, Bar
Obama finally had what he needed – more than 2,118 delegates – to clinch the Democr
nomination and become the first African-American with a viable chance of winning the Un
States presidency. Obama, an Illinois senator in office less than four years, and New York sena
and former First Lady Hillary Clinton had campaigned from coast to coast for months for the ri
to face Republican John McCain in the Nov. 4 general electi

KANSAS WINS NCAA MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

9/11 SUSPECTS PUT ON TRIAL

ANA IVANOVIC WINS FRENCH OPEN

RAFAEL NADAL WINS FRENCH OPEN

APPLE ANNOUNCES LESS EXPENSIVE 3G IPHONE

TOMATO SALMONELLA OUTBREAK

**2008 JUNE**

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**DETROIT'S STANLEY CUP** win over the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 6 of the finals brought the National Hockey League title to the Motor City for the fourth time in 11 years. **THE BOSTON CELTICS** won their 17th NBA championship title by the largest margin ever, trouncing the L.A. Lakers by 39 points in the final game of the playoffs.

# 2008
## WHAT YOU WERE READING

### BLOGS

WEB: **MASHABLE.COM**
MUSIC: **BROOKLYNVEGAN.COM**
TECHNOLOGY: **GIZMODO.COM**
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NEWS: **THEHUFFINGTONPOST.COM**
GREEN: **TREEHUGGER.COM**
MEDIA: **TELEVISIONWITHOUTPITY.COM**
POLITICAL: **DAILYKOS.COM**

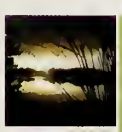
### BOOKS

1. **BREAKING DAWN - MEYER**
2. **TWILIGHT - MEYER**
3. **A NEW EARTH - TOLLE**
4. **THE LAST LECTURE - PAUSCH**
5. **NEW MOON - MEYER**
6. **ECLIPSE - MEYER**
7. **THE SHACK - YOUNG**
8. **TALES OF BEEDLE THE BARD - ROWLING**
9. **BRISINGR - PAOLINI**
10. **EAT, PRAY, LOVE - GILBERT**

*BOOKSCAN BESTSELLER LIST 2008

AIG FIRES CEO MARTIN SULLIVAN

MARS PROBE MAKES ICY DISCOVERY



ROBERT MUGABE SWORN IN FOR 6TH TERM AS PRESIDENT OF ZIMBABWE

SPAIN WINS UEFA EURO CHAMPIONSHIP

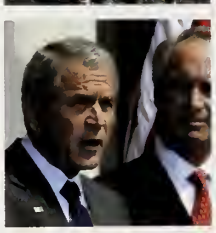
TROPICAL STORM BERTHA KICKS OFF HURRICANE SEASON

15 20 JULY

# "THE DARK KNIGHT,"

a sequel to Christopher Nolan's "Batman Begins," shattered box office records with its July release. In just 10 days, the superhero thriller brought in more than $300 million at the box office, eclipsing the mark held by "Dead Man's Chest" by nearly a week. Filmed in Chicago, the movie's special effects, musical scores and viral marketing added to its allure and mystique. "The Dark Knight" was nominated for eight Academy Awards, including a posthumous nod for Heath Ledger (for Best Supporting Actor as the Joker). Attempting to enhance its Oscar-winning chances and to surpass $1 billion in worldwide gross, the film was re-released on Jan. 23, 2009.

**TOUR DE FRANCE** winner Carlos Sastre wore the leader's famed yellow jersey on the final day of the three-week race. The Spaniard won the 95th title by just 58 seconds.



**PRESIDENT BUSH**'s noted July legislation included lifting a 17-year ban on off-shore drilling and signing a rescue bill into law, hoping to bolster the sagging housing market.

**STARBUCKS ANNOUNCES CLOSINGS** of as many as 600 U.S. stores. After years of aggressive growth, the world's largest coffee chain announced cutbacks.

GOLFER PADRAIG HARRINGTON WINS BRITISH OPEN

GOVERNMENT PASSES HOUSING RESCUE PLAN

JAPAN GETS HIT WITH EARTHQUAKE REGISTERING AT 6.8

FAVORITE TV SHOWS

TEENS AGES 12-19 (THE NRU STUDY: 2008)

**VENUS WILLIAMS** defeated sister Serena to win her fifth Wimbledon singles title. The pair beat Lisa Raymond of the U.S. and Samantha Stosur of Australia for the doubles crown.

**THE JONAS BROTHERS** had a busy summer with the release of both the album "A Little Bit Longer" and their Disney movie "Camp Rock" plus a 46-show tour.

**JULY WILDFIRES** threatened property across California as firefighters in the Sacramento and Big Sur areas battled flames in 100-degree weather.

**TAYLOR SWIFT** was the biggest selling artist of 2008, selling more than four million albums. She also performed with Def Leppard in a CMT "Crossroads" episode.

## TOP TEN FILMS OF 2008

1. THE OARK KNIGHT
2. IRON MAN
3. HANCOCK
4. WALL-E
5. WANTED
6. SISTERHOOO OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2
7. STEP BROTHERS
8. MAMMA MIA!
9. INOIANA JONES ANO THE KINGOOM OF THE CRYSTAL SKULL
10. HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3

(THE TRU STUDY: 2009 TEEN EDITION)

**MORE BABIES** joined the family of Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie in July when twins Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline were born in France. In addition to their family responsibilities and charitable work, the pair had a productive year careerwise with both "Changeling" and "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" receiving box office and critical acclaim.

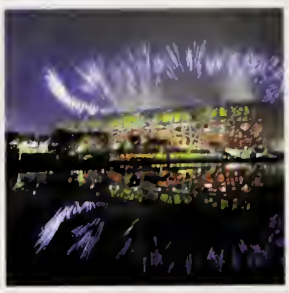
TEMPLE STAMPEDE IN INDIA KILLS 16 AND INJURES MORE THAN 50

RUSSIA BOMBS GEORGIA

JAMAICAN SPRINTER USAIN BOLT BREAKS WORLD RECORD IN THE 100-METER DASH

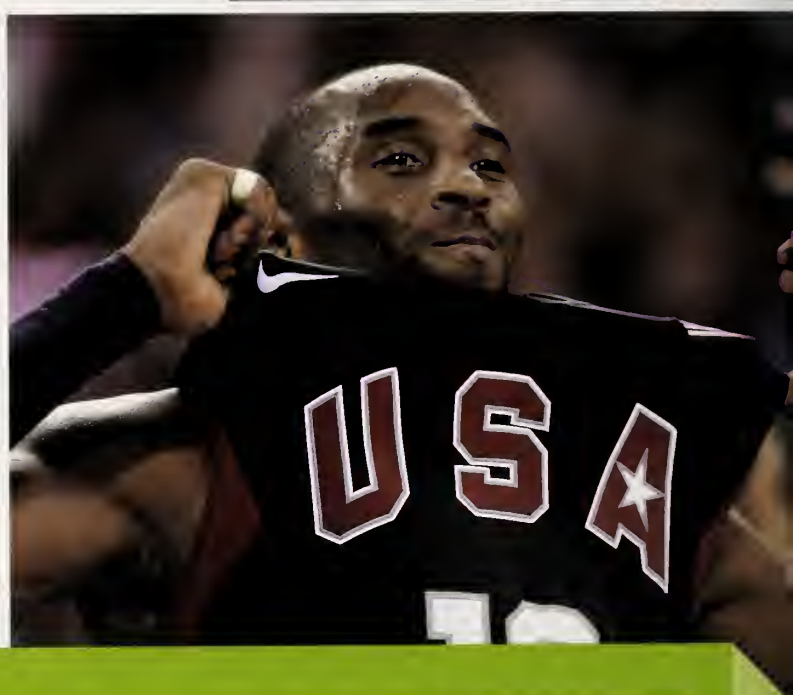
SOMALIAN PIRATES CAPTURE THREE SHIPS IN TWO DAYS

**OPENING CEREMONY** preparations of nearly seven years culminated in an extravaganza featuring more than 14,000 performers. **BERNIE MAC'S DEATH** saddened fans of the 50-year-old Chicago comedian/actor

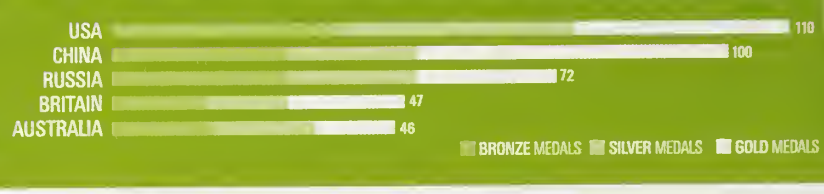


# THE OLYMPICS

meant national pride, athletic competition, pageantry and more. More than 10,000 athletes competed in 300-plus events in 28 sports at 31 competitive venues, many of which had been constructed specifically for the Olympics. An estimated 6.8 million tickets were sold for the various competitions, and the Beijing Olympics was officially the most-watched television event of all time. Through 16 days of coverage, 211 million viewers tuned in to the Olympics on NBC. Among the American success stories were Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor's consecutive golds in beach volleyball, the gold won by U.S. men's basketball team after a disappointing bronze in Athens and swimmer Michael Phelps' eight golds, which brought his lifetime total to 14 Olympic golds.




## OLYMPIC MEDALS




ISRAEL RELEASES 199 PALESTINIAN PRISONERS

SARAH PALIN CHOSEN AS JOHN MCCAIN'S RUNNING MATE

SEPTEMBER

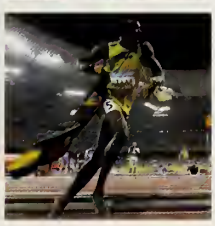
**REPUBLICAN JOHN McCAIN** accepted the presidential nomination saying, "Change is coming." The former POW had been an Arizona senator for more than 20 years.

## TV/MOVIES IN 3-D

A NEW TREND IN FILM WAS DIGITAL 3-D. FILMS SUCH AS HANNAH MONTANA'S CONCERT FILM, "JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH" AND "BOLT" WERE COMMERCIAL HITS AND 2009 FILMS "MONSTERS VS. ALIENS" AND "CORALINE" WERE EXPECTED TO IMPRESS AS WELL.

**ROGER FEDERER** won his fifth U.S. Open crown after losses in the finals of both the French Open and Wimbledon to top-ranked/gold medalist Rafael Nadal of Spain.

**U.S. OLYMPIC GYMNASTS** won the team silver medal with Nastia Liukin and Shawn Johnson collecting an additional pair of golds, four more silvers and a bronze.



**THE FASTEST MAN EVER,** Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt set a new world record (9.69 seconds!) en route to his Olympic gold medal in the 100-meter dash in Beijing.

BANK OF AMERICA SIGNS A DEAL TO BUY MERRILL LYNCH FOR $44 BILLION

[illegible] OVER CONTROL OF U.S. FORCES IN IRAQ AND WILL TAKE CHARGE OF [illegible] CENTRAL COMMAND

RWANDA BECOMES FIRST NATION WHERE WOMEN OUTNUMBER MEN IN THE PARLIAMENT

"ALL LIKE A PIRATE DAY"

A PRIVATE JET CARRYING SIX PEOPLE CRASHES; FOUR PEOPLE ARE CONFIRMED DEAD AND PERFORMERS TRAVIS BARKER AND HIS PARTNER OJ-AM WERE INJURED IN THE CRASH

**NINTENDO WII FIT** allowed millions of users to do virtual yoga, strength training, aerobics and balance games. **U.S. TROOPS** remained in Iraq after more than five years at war in the Middle East, but combat casualties were down significantly and only four coalition countries' troops remained. Fewer than 150,000 U.S., U.K., Australian and Romanian troops remained on Iraqi soil.

**TWILIGHT**, the first in a series of romantic/vampire fantasy novels, exceeded expectations at the box office, prompting immediate discussion of additional adaptations.

**WIND FARMS** continued to spring up at a record pace in 2008 as Americans sought cost-effective sources for zero-emission power. Texas, Iowa and California led production.

**GUITAR HERO AND ROCK BAND** continued their battle for virtual musicians; with 4 million units sold (to Guitar Hero's 23 million), Rock Band included drummers.

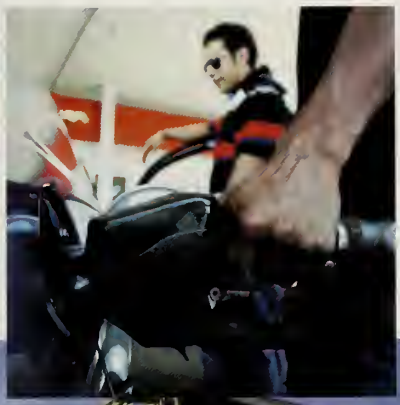
# GOVERNMENT BAILOUTS were back in the news for the first ti

since the terrorist attacks of 9/11 crippled the already-ailing airline industry. Beginning with a $ million assist in the March acquisition of financial giant Bear Stearns by JP Morgan Chase, a ser of federal aid bills aimed at preventing collapses of myriad finance and investment business were signed into effect. In October, President George Bush signed a $700 billion financial bailo package which would allow the government to start buying up troubled assets from financ institutions caught in the home foreclosure epidem

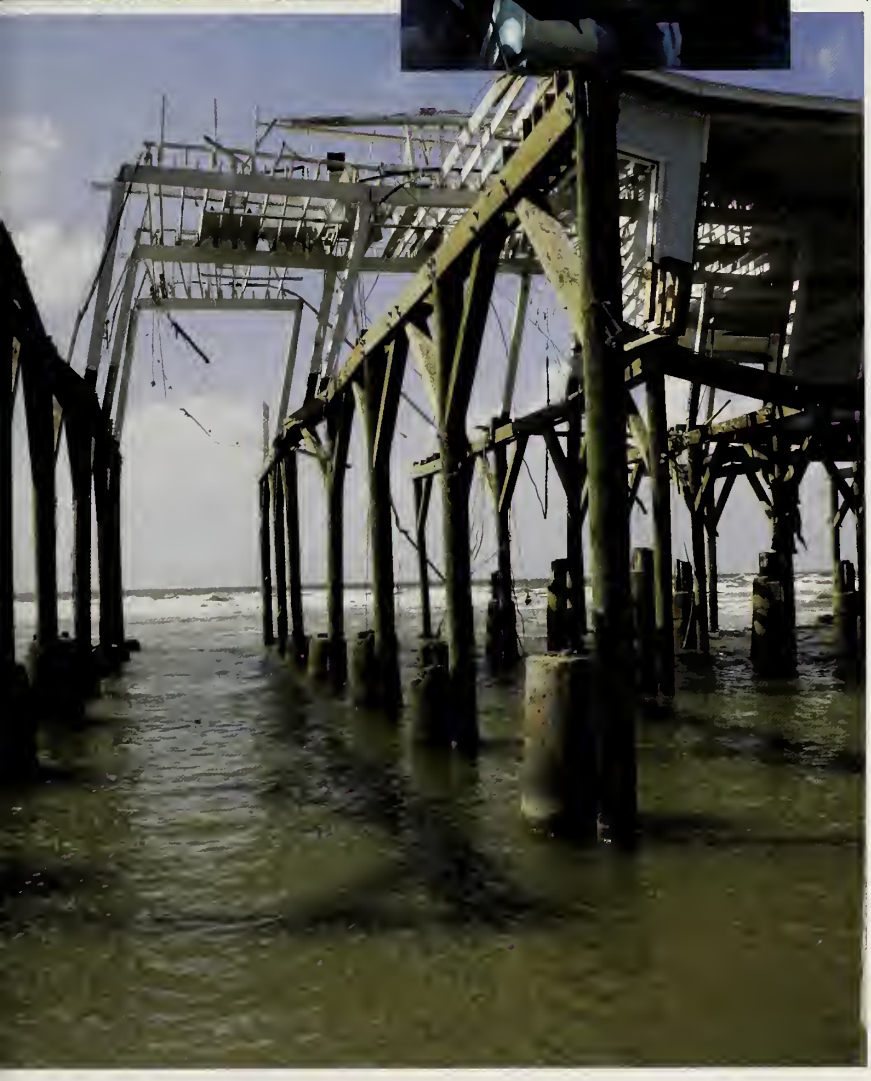
BACK TO BACK OUTSTANDING COMEDY SERIES EMMYS GO TO NBC'S 30 ROCK

NEW YORK BEATS THE BALTIMORE [illegible] IN THEIR LAST HOME GAME AT YANKEE STADIUM

DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE BARACK OBAMA RAISED $150 MILLION IN SEPTEMBER, SETTING A RECORD FOR THE MOST RAISED IN ONE MONTH



**WORLD SERIES RAIN DELAYS** caused a two-day wait for the Philadelphia Phillies, who eventually won their first title since 1980, beating the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in five games. **HURRICANE AFFECTS GAS PRICES** in the Southeast as shortages caused lines and lengthy waits for gas costing nearly $5 a gallon following Hurricane Ike which caused damage in oil fields, pipelines and coastal properties.



# WORLD RECORD THRILLER

A GROUP OF LOS ANGELES ZOMBIES NAMED 'THRILL THE WORLD LOS ANGELES' PERFORMED MICHAEL JACKSON'S "THRILLER" DANCE ROUTINE AT THE HOLLYWOOD & HIGHLAND CENTER ON SAT. OCT. 25, 2008 AS PART OF AN ATTEMPT TO CLAIM THE WORLD RECORD FOR THE LARGEST SIMULTANEOUS THRILLER DANCE; 55 CITIES WERE INCLUDED IN THE SIMULTANEOUS THRILLER DANCE WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT.

A SEARCH TEAM FINDS THE WRECKAGE OF THE AIRPLANE FLOWN BY ADVENTURER STEVE FOSSETT IN THE MOUNTAINS OF MADERA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

A LAS VEGAS JURY FINDS OJ SIMPSON GUILTY OF 12 CHARGES, INCLUDING KIDNAPPING AND ARMED ROBBERY

PALESTINIAN PRESIDENT MAHMOUD ABBAS IS AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

AMERICAN SPACE TOURIST RICHARD GARRIOTT RETURNS TO EARTH AFTER SPENDING $30 MILLION FOR 10 DAYS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

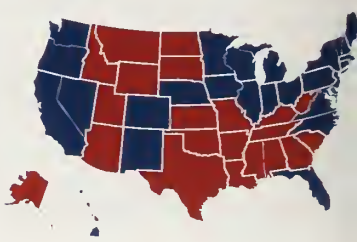
**POLLING DAY** lines were the talk of the nation. While many states allowed for early voting, the "unprecedented turnout" meant long lines and waits of many hours.

**CELEBRATING IN GRANT PARK** was a logical conclusion for hundreds of thousands of Chicago residents who gathered to hear the victory speech. The party on "Chicago's front lawn" featured six spotlights piercing the nighttime sky and nine Jumbotrons on which CNN's Wolf Blitzer projected Obama's victory shortly after 10 p.m.

## 2008 ELECTION RESULTS

POPULAR VOTE
OBAMA - 66,882,230
McCAIN - 58,343,671

ELECTORAL COLLEGE
OBAMA 365
McCAIN 173
270 to win



JAPANESE MONKEY, YAT CHAN, MAKES NEWS AS A BLACK BELT IN KARATE AND ALSO WAITS TABLES AT HIS OWNER'S RESTAURANT

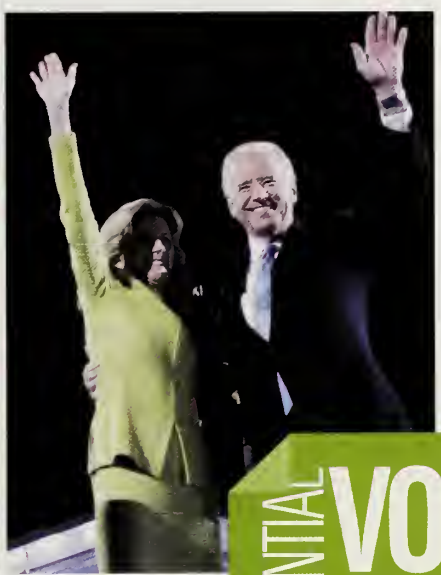
[illegible] ADS HIM [illegible] ASKA WHE[illegible] [illegible] RUNNING FOR IT ELECTION

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY INCREASED ITS MAJORITY IN THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, CAPTURING AT LEAST SIX SENATE SEATS FROM THE REPUBLICAN PARTY AND EXCEEDING THE 218 SEATS NEEDED FOR A MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE

NOVEMBER

## VICTORY SPEECH

Flanked by his wife Michelle and daughters Sasha (7) and Malia (10), Obama addressed the more than 250,000 gathered in Grant Park and millions more who watched on television. "If there is anyone out there who still doubts that America is a place where all things are possible; who still wonders if the dream of our founders is alive in our time; who still questions the power of our democracy, tonight is your answer," he said. Vice President-elect Joe Biden and his wife Jill shared the stage.



**SHEPARD FAIREY**'s collage portrait of Obama became a popular poster and T-shirt during the campaign. Before Inauguration Day, the piece by the L.A. street artist also hung in the National Portrait Gallery. **GLOBAL REACTION** generally favorable; world leaders and random citizens voiced support for Obama in media worldwide.

LT. GEN. ANN E. DUNWOODY IS PROMOTED TO GENERAL, BECOMING AMERICA'S FIRST FOUR-STAR FEMALE GENERAL

[illegible] TEN-YEAR MTV [illegible] SAGGING RATING[illegible]

13 YEARS IN THE MAKING, GUNS 'N' ROSES RELEASES NEW ALBUM, "CHINESE DEMOCRACY"

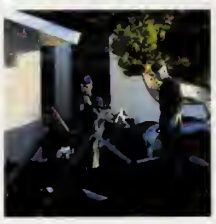
## INFLUENTIAL VOTING ISSUES

GAS PRICES **46.2%**
ECONOMY **37.5%**
ENVIRONMENT **30.1%**
EDUCATION **24.2%**
IRAQ **22.1%**
HEALTH CARE **20.5%**
TAXES **17.2%**

*TEENS AGES 12-19 (THE TRU STUDY: 2009)

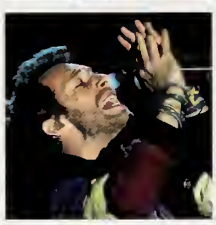
**THE LARGEST DINOSAUR FOSSIL FIELD EVER** was discovered in China this year. Paleontologists announced in December that more than 7,600 fossils, including a skull measuring two meters, were uncovered.

**HILLARY CLINTON**, once his opponent for the presidential nomination, was later selected by President-elect Barack Obama to serve as Secretary of State.



**F-18 CRASHES INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD** in San Diego en route to a nearby Marine base after a training exercise; the accident killed three residents of one home.

**ROD BLAGOJEVICH**, governor of Illinois, was charged with corruption after conspiring to obtain personal gain in filling Obama's vacated seat in the Senate.



**COLDPLAY'S CHRIS MARTIN**, who was accused of plagiarism by guitarist Joe Satriani, won three Grammys, including Song of the Year for "Viva la Vida."

NATIONAL CAKE DAY

NASA DELAYS LAUNCHING OF MARS SCIENCE LABORATORY DUE TO TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND RECALLS ALL IRISH PORK PRODUCTS AFTER THE DISCOVERY OF CONTAMINATED FODDER

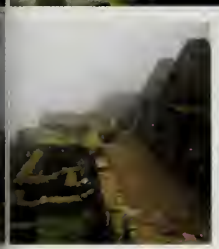
RIOTS BREAK OUT IN ATHENS AFTER A GREEK LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SHOOTS A TEENAGER FOR THROWING STONES AT POLICE

SUNY COLLEGE ANNOUNCES PLANS TO CUT 8 TO JOBS

THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS AGREE ON A PROPOSAL FOR A U.S. $15 BILLION BAILOUT PACKAGE FOR THREE MAJOR U.S. AUTOMAKERS.

DECEMBER

LEAN HOLIDAY SALES reflected the struggling economy. A decrease of 1.5-2% in both November and December was the first since 1969, when such records originated. On the other hand, discount stores such as Target, Costco and Walmart were less affected and Amazon declared the 2008 holiday season its "best ever," selling more than 6.3 million items worldwide on Dec. 15, its peak day, amounting to "a record-breaking 72.9 items per second."



**RUINS OF A CITY** from the Wari culture were discovered in northern Peru, providing the "missing link" between two ancient civilizations. **A NEW ENGLAND ICE STORM** left nearly a million homes and businesses without electricity. The powerful storm's heavy rains, cold temperatures and high winds wreaked havoc on the region.

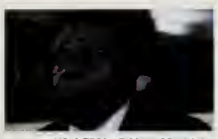
# 2008 TOP iTUNES DOWNLOADS

## TRACKS

1. LEDNA LEWIS - BLEEDING LOVE
2. COLDPLAY - VIVA LA VIDA
3. FLO RIDA - LOW
4. KATY PERRY - I KISSED A GIRL
5. RIHANNA - DISTURBIA
6. LIL WAYNE - LOLLIPOP
7. JORDIN SPARKS - NO AIR
8. NATASHA BEDINGFIELD - POCKETFUL OF SUNSHINE
9. SARAH BAREILLES - LOVE SONG
10. RIHANNA - DON'T STOP THE MUSIC

## ALBUMS

1. COLDPLAY - VIVA LA VIDA
2. JACK JOHNSON - SLEEP THROUGH THE STATIC
3. JUNO - SOUNDTRACK
4. LIL WAYNE - THA CARTER III
5. SARA BAREILLES - LITTLE VOICE
6. ONCE - SOUNDTRACK
7. JASON MRAZ - WE SING, WE DANCE, WE STEAL
8. ONEREPUBLIC - DREAMING OUTLOUD
9. ACROSS THE UNIVERSE - SOUNDTRACK
10. LEDNA LEWIS - SPIRIT



THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA FINDS THÉONESTE BAGOSORA GUILTY OF GENOCIDE, CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND WAR CRIMES AND SENTENCES HIM TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT

THREE SUBMARINE COMMUNICATIONS CABLES BREAK, DISRUPTING INTERNET AND TELEPHONE TRANSMISSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ASIA

TOYOTA MOTOR CORP. FORECASTS FIRST OPERATING LOSS IN 70 YEARS DUE TO AUTO INDUSTRY TROUBLES

**THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA GATORS** won their second BCS championship title with a 24-14 victory over second-ranked Oklahoma. Gator QB Tim Tebow threw for 231 yards and rushed for another 109 yards. **A SOLAR ECLIPSE**, the year's first, occurred on Jan. 26 and was visible from southern Africa to Australia, Southeast Asia and Indonesia. The 2009 calendar also showed four lunar eclipses and a total solar eclipse in July.

**"24" RETURNS TO FOX** for a seventh season after a hiatus of nearly 20 months. The award-winning drama was nominated for 57 Emmys in its first six seasons.

**THE SECOND ANNUAL NHL WINTER CLASSIC**, played outside at Chicago's Wrigley Field on Jan. 1, ended with the Detroit Red Wings beating the Blackhawks 6-4.

**AN AL FRANKEN VICTORY** was declared on Jan. 5, after nearly eight weeks of recounts and appeals. Incumbent Minnesota Senator Norm Coleman announced his appeal.

# A MIRACLE ON THE HUDSON

allowed all 155 aboard U

Airways Flight #1549 to escape safely after the Airbus A320 struck a flock of birds during LaGuardia take-off for Charlotte, NC. Veteran pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger guided the jetlin over New York City without engines and landed it in the Hudson River, where passengers wait on the wings and in rafts to be rescued from the frigid waters by ferries and Coast Guard vesse

**2009**
**JANUARY**

13-YEAR-OLD CALIFORNIA GIRL TEXTS 14,528 TIMES IN ONE MONTH, GETS RESTRICTED FROM TEXTING AFTER TOWER BY PARENTS

BANK OF ENGLAND CUTS INTEREST RATES TO 1.5%, ITS LOWEST IN 15 YEARS

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS TONY DUNGY RETIRES FROM COACHING FOOTBALL

**"LOST" RETURNS TO ABC** with unresolved mysteries and many questions. The fifth season of the award-winning drama opened in January attracting more than 12.2 million viewers. **APPLE CEO STEVE JOBS** announced a leave of absence in January, citing health reasons. Jobs asked COO Tim Cook to take the reins through June, when he planned to return. **PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA** and his wife Michelle greet the public on Inauguration Day.

## BY THE NUMBERS
### INAUGURATION DAY

**$150 MILLION** ESTIMATED FINAL COST OF THE INAUGURATION AND RELATED EVENTS

**8,000** POLICE, **7,500** MILITARY AND **10,000** NATIONAL GUARD PERSONNEL, NOT COUNTING SECRET SERVICE, MADE UP SECURITY TOTALING **25,500**

**60 SECONDS** TIME IT TOOK FOR PARADE ROUTE SEATS TO SELL OUT COMPLETELY

**10** NUMBER OF OFFICIAL BALLS DURING THE INAUGURATION

**4,000** FACEBOOK STATUS UPDATES PER MINUTE DURING OBAMA'S INAUGURATION SPEECH

**112** LIGHTBULBS REPLACED IN LAMPPOSTS ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE PARADE ROUTE DURING PREPARATION

**TWO MILLION** THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ESTIMATED IN ATTENDANCE OF THE INAUGURATION SPEECH OF BARACK OBAMA.

PEANUT BUTTER RECALL INSPIRES TIE TO HUNDREDS FALLING ILL FROM SALMONELLA POISONING

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH BIDS FAREWELL TO THE U.S. IN A 15-MINUTE TELEVISED ADDRESS

COMPUTER WORM CONFICKER INFECTS MORE THAN 8 MILLION WINDOWS-BASED COMPUTERS WORLDWIDE

BARACK OBAMA, THE 44TH PRESIDENT IS INAUGURATED A SECOND TIME AFTER AN ERROR DURING HIS FIRST OATH

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

APPLE CELEBRATES THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RELEASE OF ITS FIRST COMPUTER, THE APPLE 2E

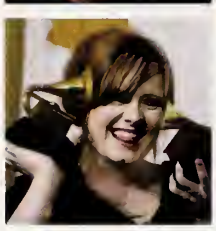
# THE STEEL CURTAIN's historic sixth Super Bowl victory in Tampa once again gave Pittsburgh bragging rights as the Steelers beat the Arizona Cardinals 27-23 with a last-minute touchdown by MVP Santonio Holmes. The Steelers won their second Super Bowl in four seasons after a game-ending seesaw that also included a 64-yard Arizona TD by All-Pro Larry Fitzgerald with just 2:37 remaining.

**USS GEORGE H.W. BUSH,** a new Navy aircraft carrier, was commissioned in honor of the 84-year old 41st president and decorated WWII Navy pilot in January.

**LAST EPISODE OF "THE LATE SHOW"** with Conan O'Brien was Feb. 20 and Jimmy Fallon took over as host March 2. In June, O'Brien replaces Jay Leno as Tonight Show host.

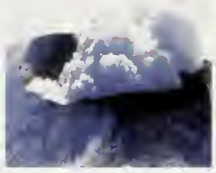
**LIFE ON MARS** was considered a possibility after European space scientists found ice packs near the planet's surface and higher atmospheric methane levels.

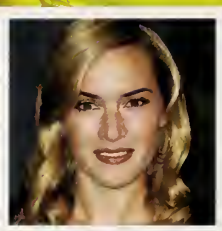
**BRITISH SINGER ADELE** won the Grammy for Best new artist. The 20-year old vocalist also won Best Female Pop Vocal Performance for her hit "Chasing Pavement."



**JAPAN'S MOUNT ASAMA** erupted, sending a plume of ash a mile into the sky.

**FACEBOOK TURNS FIVE;** with 150 million users, the business is worth more than $1billion.





**KATE WINSLETT'S TWO GOLDEN GLOBES** as supporting actress in "The Reader" and Best Actress in "Revolutionary Road" ended her streak of nominations-not-wins at five in both the Golden Globe and Oscar awards. Six weeks later, Winslett won the Best Actress Oscar for "The Reader."

CHINA DECLARES NATIONAL EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE DROUGHT

JENNIFER ROSE BECOMES FIRST WOMAN TO SWIM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

AMERICA CELEBRATES ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S 200TH BIRTHDAY

THE 81ST ACADEMY AWARDS HELD AT THE LEGENDARY KODAK THEATRE IN LOS ANGELES, CA

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